

Winchester Farm May 20th 1852

My dear Sister Sarah

With the inspiration of a very delicious orange which was brought by ma and I hasten to tell you of their safe arrival and pleasant trip which however leaves them somewhat sleepy and fatigued they therefore despatch me to give you their love with this information and the assurance that when ma has recovered from her fatigues she will favor you with the minutiae. Your letter written last Sunday was very interesting and instructive from the very full and satisfactory answers that you gave to my questions, this my answer will come far short of it, in interest, for two very excellent reasons the first is a want of matter and secondly a want of time for the night was fast and by the early hours of morning it must beat the Post Office ready to proceed, for the letter you will see by the date was written some six miles from Berlin.

I am glad to hear that you had such a pleasant party and regret very much not having been invited, for some of your lady friends were and are very interesting.

Have you seen Mrs. Ballin lately since the party? When you do, give her my best respects.

Say to Uncle Andrew that I am awaiting a summons to take up my march on the Rio

R.R.

On Tuesday I received a very pleasant letter from Aunt Alice she wrote in very high spirits. But I must close, this is a very poor answer to your interesting question you must excuse it. Regarding the circumstances and write me soon so that I may have an opportunity of writing my best.

With love to your sister Miss Mary J. Taylor and to the boys I remain

Affectionately Your Brother

J.S. Taylor