

very much as he is quite a pet. - Catharine and the boys
join me in love to you. I think I have made the most of
this sheet of paper. Good bye

Your affectionate sister

Joanna

Green Hill June 3rd 1838

My Dear Brother

I received your ^{letter} of the 6th of May,

about a fortnight since, and should have answered it
before had I thought you would of received it
any the sooner, but as you said you were to leave
Pensacola in a few days and be absent some time
I thought it would not be of any use to write
immediately, I was pleased to hear you had so
little trouble in capturing the Invincible although
you wished they had shown a little more resistance.
Eliza received a letter from you a few days since. -

Oaks spent a few days here about three weeks since he
said he had written to you four times and had sent
you a number of papers but had not received any
answer. Papa received a letter from him a short
time since he was then on board the U.S. Schooner
Experiment on the ground. - The country looks
very pleasant now, and we have already had
quite a number of friends to visit us, we are at

pleasant though quite alone, that is Catharine, myself, and the boys.) Uncle Nathaniel and all his family spent a few days here about a fortnight since. (You know Aunt Eliza will never travel without all her children) They were on their return from Washington, Virginia. Miss Stewart has also been spending a week with us & she left on Wednesday. And we have had a flying visit also from Aunt Van Rensselaer. It was quite unexpected as she did not think of coming herself until the day she left home. But such visits, I think are generally the pleasantest. She came up on Saturday evening, we were expecting some gentlemen from New York, but who should we see instead of them but Aunt, Mr Van Rensselaer, and Anne, quite an agreeable surprise I assure you. Mr V. R. returned from Europe about a month since, they stayed until Wednesday afternoon, Mamma Papa and Eliza went down with them Papa is going on to the West and Eliza remains in Albany until his return. Mamma went no farther than New York I expect her home this evening. Aunt desires to be particularly remembered with her love to you when I write. — She could not make but a short visit as she had to return home to make some arrangements for Pierre's wedding which takes place on the 14th

I believe I mentioned the lady he was to be married to in some former letter. Miss Beck, Aunt is very much pleased with her and says she is a very fine girl. I believe they intend residing at Croton as the General has given Pierre that place and he is now repairing it, he is not making much alteration in it as he intends building a new House on the hill somewhere and this is to be only a temporary residence until that is finished. — William Walsh was married a week or two since, it is quite gay in Albany this summer with all the weddings. — I believe there is no news in the village, indeed I have not had any opportunity of hearing any for it is nothing but rain! or rain! for the last two weeks we have not had more than two or three clear days, and if we had not had plenty of company in the house we should have thought it very dreary. You said the rainy season had commenced with you I think it has with us also for it is still raining and the wind North East, rather a sad prospect. There was a company of Military came up last evening and have encamped in the village for the purpose of target firing, a hopeful time they have got for it, they were to have a Military Ball this evening at the encampment but I think it will amount to a failure unless they adjourn to the Hotel.

The Engineers for the Croton waterworks are now engaged
in the village Henry Dodge is with them this summer -
I hear Burnett has resigned his commission in the Army
I have not seen him since his return from Florida but
Papa said he told him so, he did not think he had.

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been used well, a number of others had also resigned.
Have you received any letter from Mr Lewis he
told me he had written to you some time
ago they live now about a mile from the village
Munro is very well, he has got quite better of
the Rheumatism which he was very much afflicted
with during the cold weather and now enjoys himself