

Perhaps you had better direct - Fiskville March 28th 1841
to Legden's care N. York where you write next for I don't know where
we shall be.

Whose turn is it to write my address
Emma for I believe our last letters were both dated on the
same day, I am determined though to wait no longer but to
try and get our correspondence straight again by writing to
you at once. I really rejoice that your most unhappy affair
is settled without the pain to you of exposing so much that had
better be concealed, it must indeed have been a sore trial to you
to have gone through with all you have suffered, it ~~has~~ is hard
for me to realize that Mr. W. and Matilda should have behaved
as they have done, he appeared so mild and gentle always, your
dear mother used to say that he had such true christian humil-
-ity that he would not assert his own rights sufficiently but acted
too entirely on the principle if they smite you on one cheek
turn to them the other, what a change must have come over
him to be grasping and bad tempered, that the desire of a small
sum of money such as your mother had could so change a man's
nature seems almost incredible but so it seems to have been.
Matilda too was always a kind and affectionate daughter, though
I know she was ~~also~~ easily guided by the one she was with, and I
suppose attached to her husband as she was, she warmly embraced
his feelings and opinions and did not attempt to exercise her own
judgment in any way, not that I think she is excusable in doing
so, but it is this weak point in her character to be led by others,

and on her husband with a great deal of her fault rest. She has not answered my letter and indeed owes me two I shall be sorry if she will not write to me any more for to you both I have felt so as a sister that I cannot bear to think of any coldness between us, if you do see her tell her I send my love to her and hope she will write me, how strange she should lead a life of so much solitude among persons who it appears to me could hardly be companions to her. Your situation at Belvidere must be exceedingly uncomfortable. I most earnestly wish you could leave there and come over to our part of the world, as to my having any influence of any kind with Mr. Porplanch my dear Ann or any one in the way of getting a situation for the Dr. I don't know how you could think such a thing, I have never meddled in such matters, and never can. When told me he had written out to you what would be the best way of the Dr. proceeding to send him out testimonials or recommendations whichever they are called from his part of the country and then he would apply for him, I hope he has sent them for of course when could not apply without, not knowing the doctor personally, you know in our family being a relation is not looked upon by the others as a reason why they should be advised, unless they are certain of their being fitted for the station they desire, each one has to stand on his merits entirely.

I came up here in February to help a fortnight and have unexpectedly remained all this time, I came from Philadelphia expecting to go immediately to Piermont but met George in town who told me he was obliged to move in the Spring and ^{the house} was so awfully cold and uncomfortable and the young engineers were still with him so that he thought I had better not come up until he got another house smaller and more comfortable and such as he

could furnish, some few weeks ago just as I was about leaving here he came over and told me the times were so bad and every thing so doubtful he was afraid to take a house yet until he saw what would be done by the Legislature for the internal improvements, and as Mary wished me very much to remain longer with her I am still here and shall not go down until next week, if we do go to house keeping it will probably be in Goshen which is as convenient for George for the next year and a much cheaper place than Piermont, Charles is now at Piquette he has been paying a long visit to Mr. Finley at White Lake, he has not yet finished his second novel but is still engaged in it book making is a poor way of gaining a livelihood I hope he may find some other occupation before long, the boys always tell me to remember them particularly to you. I hear that Lucia Hoffman has become engaged at the south to a lawyer named Mr. Abster what sort of a person and a match it is I have not heard. One reason why I feel anxious to go to town is to see Mary before she goes West which I suppose will be soon, in the fall she looks forward to going to Europe which I hope may benefit her, she does not appear strong and wants occupation and something to divert her mind, if she only had a child what a comfort and consolation it would be to her. I should like much to go out to see you with Mary but I begin to despair of ever being able to take so long a journey, when George has had a good salary his expenses have been so very great that it has not been any gain and Charles has had no way of making money for some years past so you may imagine we have no cash to spare.

an amusement he must be to you to kiss him for his Aunt Julia
William Perplanch's little children are great bits of mice, Eliza
is one the smartest little things I ever saw, Mary is quite a young
baby but very good and pretty, they are fat and cozy as I suppose
your little Phil is. Mr. remembrance to your husband so write
to me soon dearest Eliza I beg, and may God bless you is the prayer
of your affectionate Aunt Julia &c—

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Grand goes to housekeeping this Spring he has the office of District
Attorney, Virginia and the children have been sick almost the
whole winter, a constant succession of violent colds has made
them complete invalids, the city they say has been more unhealthy
than has been known for years. I hope your little boy continues
well it is almost time for him to begin to walk and talk what