

New York - Sept 12th 1855 -

My dear father,

According to your request I enclose you a letter for Mr^s Boon
- I have left it open for your perusal and hope it will please you better than the
other one - Mamma received your affectionate letter this morning, and we
all feel grateful to you for writing to us so often, as our anxiety about you
is very great - I hope your visit to Albany this winter will be pleasanter
than the last on your account, and that you will not be detained
longer than you expect on our account - We all regret your absence
very much - and the house is quite solitary without you - I have been
but to one party since you left us, and I have made a resolution to go
but to very few, and you will see how well I will keep it - Eliza and
myself are invited to a party at Louisa Livingston's this evening, and
for particular reasons Mamma does not think proper we should go -
Miss B and gives a ball on Friday - and I am going to send a refusal
I know my dear father this will please you better than if I were to
go - and since I displeased you by my dissipation when you were
at home, I am determined to please you by my Retirement now
you are away - and I hope it will serve to make amends for my
former behaviour -

Now my dear papa - guess who has been to see us - some
great man of course - Why Boomer!! Eliza and myself went to see
him in Abellins, and were very much delighted - After the play Mr
Lunscomb came into our box, and I asked him to bring Boomer to see
us - he said if I would be at home Sunday at one o'clock he would bring
him - I thought he was jesting, and never thought of it afterwards - I went
to French Church on Sunday, and after Church paid one of those visits
when I came home Eliza told me he had been here!! - You may
think how I regretted not being at home - Eliza was very much pleased
with him - but Grandmamma did not like it at all - she talked of it
for a whole day, and woke me up at one o'clock at night to
talk to me about it - The only reason she dislikes it is because he was
an actor and it seems that the tragedy of Hamlet has left a great and in-
impression on her mind, that she has an aversion to all performers -
She thinks that as he happened to come here once that we of course
must be intimately acquainted with him - but I don't believe that
he will ever come again -

The baby quite misses you - and so do we all - We have not heard from
Muriel since you left us - Nor from Ogeen - Mary sends her love
to you and wishes Mamma and Eliza -

My hand is so cramped, and my pen is so bad
I can scarcely write -

But believe me my dear father,

Ever and forever -

Your affectionate Child -

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