

Lakart Oct 6th 1841

I cannot tell you my dearest
Cousin how disappointed I was to hear of your leaving return
to Spear Prairie without my seeing you, had I had the
slightest idea of your intention I should certainly not
have waited for an escort but have gone on to New York
alone, I regret very much now that I did not give up my
visit here for this season but I thought myself so secure
of seeing you again, Charles tells me the Dr. has been unsuccess-
ful in raising the money he wanted on his lands for
which I am very sorry, I hope though he gained an increase of
health from his journey so that you will not find cause
to regret your visit to New York unsatisfactory as it must
have been to you, produce I hear continues to rise in price
so that I trust he may be enabled by that to get through
all his money difficulties without sacrificing any of his
land which must at some future day make you rich.
I have thought much of your journey with your young
baby in this uncomfortable weather, to day I suppose you
are on the Lake I hope the terrific storm we have had here
may confine itself to the coast and not reach you,
I fully realized what are the horrors of the sea while looking
at the raging waves it was a magnificent sight but fearful
beyond description, one could scarcely believe that any
vessel could live in such a sea but yet the steamer

arrived having been exposed to the very worst of it, it is
wonderful. I feel very anxious to know if you saw Mary-
King and if you had all matters satisfactorily explained
of Mary's loss for you I cannot doubt whatever effect upon
her conduct the influence of others may have, should she
remain in New York this winter I shall make every effort to
see as much of her as possible, when I shall have her now
I do not exactly know I expected by this time to have been
in New York with you I received Charles' letter telling me of
your departure on the very day on which I thought he would
come for me, he writes me now that he is obliged to come
here in November and two trips would be rather too
severe a strain upon his finances, Euphemia wishes me much
to remain until he comes but I did not prepare myself for
such cold weather and Boston shopping is so much more
expensive than New York that I cannot think of making any
arrangements here, besides too I want to get settled for the
winter as much as I can be, I cannot tell you how much
disheartened I have been by our being obliged to break up house-
keeping again I have been so weary of a roving life and so
long for a home, but of that now I have entirely given up all
expectation, the boys' prospects appear to me quite uncertain
and they are so entirely averse to allowing me to do any
thing to add to the funds though I cannot help feeling myself
a burden to them. I hope this winter to be able to board with
Charles I feel I can be of no use to him unless I am in the
house with him and if there I believe I can of a great deal
in spurring him on to write and ready always to listen
to what he writes and talk with him about it as we used
to do at home you know. It is a very different intercourse
that we can have with our brothers in visits even in another
brother's house from being with them ready at any odd moments

to talk or advise with. What are your plans for this winter
do you go to housekeeping again or do you intend to board
for the present and look forward to a change of residence
in the Spring which may be more lucrative to your husband
in the way of his profession? Do I beg write me soon tell me
who your baby looks like too and what is to be her name
how little thing how I should have liked to have seen her?
Tell Dr. Molloy I admire Boston very much the Common
is superb and parts of the City handsomely built the
streets to be sure are many of them narrow and crooked
and gloomy but in others the situations are so high
and fine that it gives great plenty to the City. Mr. Thore
is going to move into a most excellent house in Beacon
street and Euphemia is busy attending to it for all in door
arrangements she has charge of entirely her husband not
interfering with them at all, they are as happy and attached
a couple as I ever met with though there is a great dispar-
ity in years but you know Euphemia was always older than most
girls of her age and Mr. Thore in conversation and character
was much more suited to her taste than any of the young
beaux she had. I don't know whether I told you in my last
letter, which I fear you never received for Charles does not mention
it, that the Yankee brown bread fully justifies all the Dr.
said of it, it is made with two thirds Indian meal one third
yeast and a small quantity of molasses how much I would
not find out for it is not made in the house but bought.
How is Matilda and her boys ask her with my love if she
never intends to write to me again, I do wish I had some
way of making money this winter that I might come out
in the Spring and see you all but it is said to think of it.
Mary sends her love she says well I did want to see Mary
Euphemia's baby with kind regards to the Dr. believe me ever
your own Julia St.



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