

From ship Saurer, dated Montreal

July 25th

written from
Montreal - after
visiting Niagara

Boston.

Miss Harriet Fosses

Mr Amory.

Montreal
July 25th 1806

Though I have only time my Dear Harriet to write you a few lines yet the opportunity of writing these few gives me inexpressible pleasure - It is more than a month since we left Boston & not one word had we heard till we arrived at this place - but here we had the satisfaction to meet several gentlemen Dr. M. B. Amory was polite enough to make us a partaker in his communications - When I return home I shall have a great deal to tell you but I must defer all accounts till then - even Niagara the object of our pursuit & the ample reward of our fatigues must remain unspeaken of indeed I should want a new language to express the grandeur, the magnificence, the sublimity of the scene - it is best done by silence & tears - We reached this place the day before yesterday - after being nearly three days upon the St. Lawrence in an open boat - every night we put on shore & found tolerable accommodations - here would be amused with the difference of manners almost immediately after we cross the line which separates the United States from the British Dominions - though the dress & figure is perfectly unceasing of the lower sort of people - yet there is a politeness in their manner which cannot fail of pleasing - We landed at La Chine the day before yesterday & proceeded on here nine miles in the fashionable vehicle of the country - which is a sort of chaise which they call a cabriolet.

they contain two persons - the driver sits before - but one thing
strikes us not a little ludicrous that they are as often driven by
women as men - Directly opposite our windows & at a short distance
~~from it~~ is the convent of Grey Nuns - we were yesterday prevented visiting
it by the rain, & to day being Sunday it is quite impracticable -
We feel very impatient to see both these & the black nuns but
must defer it till to morrow. The appearance of Montreal is
amusing to us from its novelty - the houses look as if they
were built for a siege - the wall round the town is entirely
in ruins - french is spoken almost entirely by the servants &
I have found ^{even} the little knowledge I have of that language very
serviceable. - I presume we shall see you in the course of three or
four weeks - Give my best love to Betty - Remember ~~us~~ to
Mr Sargent & Miss Maria for us - Yours most sincerely -

W F Sargent

I have only opportunity my dear girls to say I love you with
all my heart. - M^r -