

Mrs James A. Hamlin
To her Son -

Paris March 19th 1843

Sunday

My dear Son



SIR

After an absence of more than two months, your Father and myself are again at our own Home. we came up yesterday by Water, to Hastings, the Ice not permitting us to go in at Docks, where the Boats were waiting for us, we went up immediately for them, and after some delay and great discomfort (for the Weather was intensely cold) we started for home on wheels, through Snow drifts very deep, or bare ground, so that we have neither wheeling or sleighing. The storm of Thursday Night was a Hurricane of Wind and Snow, we were at Bell Lullows that Evening at a social tea drinking for Mary Ann Lee, when we got home Robert told us that he had been really apprehensive that the Carriage would blow over in going up for us, returning we were too well laden for any thing of that kind, the next Evening we spent with Regina Miller, a nice little supper also for Miss Lee, your Sisters were all there, including Fanny, who was induced to go, by the kind solicitations of Aunt Schuyler, who you know is always doing the right thing in the very best manner, Aunt's friend Mr Dantforth and Husband, and one or two young Gentlemen were the only Persons out of the Family, Mr Miller gave the Secretary at Madrid as a Toast, but I can assure you, that that was not necessary to bring you to our recollections.

Your letter by the Western with its enclosure, my dear Son, has given me the most heart felt pleasure, not only for the real benefit conferred, but as an evidence of your willingness to sacrifice your own gratifications

to our comfort, and painful as it is to have you away still, your position is the brightest spot in our reflections. Rebecca, and Fanny, both tell me, that their Husbands have no new Business, George Schuyler is trying to do some thing in the Steam Boat line, but as yet the season has been so bad, that I fear he has not realized much, your Father I suppose has told you, that our affairs are in a sad state, nothing from the big House for the last year, and no dividends from the Trust probably for two years to come as we are without income, there is nothing left for us but to bring our wants down to the lowest point, and endeavor to be as happy as we can under this entire change of circumstances - Papa keeps up and says things will be better, but I as usual am rather disponding, the girls behave sweetly and submit to exaction and privation with a murmur, they have had a luxurious winter at Aunt Fannys where they now are, and will remain some time longer it is there last winter there, as Uncle Tom intends renting his House with the Furniture if he can get a Tenant to suit him. I began this letter last Sunday on our return Home it is now Friday, and tomorrow Papa is going down to his Club Dinner (for as yet he allows himself that pleasure) I must therefore finish my epistle and send it down by him, the whole week has been cold and cheerless and the ground is now covered with snow, the Thunderstorm this morning at seven, on the Eastern Piazza was at 22. the Banks and Broughtons were to have moved away to day but it is so cold and windy we have begged them not to go, the other People come in to morrow or Monday. the Paper of yesterday announces the arrival of the Steamer Columbia but we have not yet got your letters by so we hope the girls are

enjoying them and that we will get them to day or to-morrow your Grandfather's letter will have informed you that I spent the time your Father was at Washington with them a very great pleasure all round, if you have not answered his letter I wish you would do so, as I know he expects it they are both quite well and I think as cheerful as when you left us, Lucie is very happy in his Boy, who is healthy and fine looking, he is also a great pleasure to the Old People.

Your Grand Mother Hamiltons sorrows I verily believe will only terminate with her life, Aunt Eliza is determined not to be comforted, she keeps her Room, will see no one, and goes no where but to Church, and when there behaves in such a manner as to attract the attention of all around her, we have heard that the People begin to think that she is not much better than her unfortunate Sister, they are to move this May, which we hope will be of service, as she must then exert herself, the ^{dear} ~~Cleopatra~~ we not to continue with them. As I have written you my hopes I am such a doleful letter thus far, it is but fair that I should say something on the bright side, my visit to the City was very delightful, and among other pleasures I had an opportunity of seeing more of your favorite Miss, A. L., than I had done before, Mary and she since Julia's Wedding have been quite intimate, I presume the girls have written you all about it, I will therefore only say for myself, that I think her very pretty, and very pleasing, and that I shall consider that Man truly fortunate who succeeds in gaining her good opinion, some of her old Beaux have retired but I understand that others are added to the list. with my best regards to Mr Irving believe me very beloved for your devoted and affectionate Mother M Hamilton

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From Mexico.
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