

Taking riding
lessons.
at 46 years

Boston Sep. 16th 1832

My dear George I received your letter last evening
I am glad to get a glimpse of you. I was in
hopes you would have dropped me a line from
West Point, but as you do not know, nor even
own him, the yearnings of a Father's heart
I must excuse you. I rejoice to hear the
Father is better, persuaded him to be prudent, &
not risk his life of the state of health that
he has laid up at Bulliton this summer. How
this place must have changed in its aspect since
the very spirited exhibitions that were got up with
so much effect last ~~December~~ month. — I am
now very well, feeling very differently from the
first week of my arrival here. I use a great
deal of exercise & intend to continue it. Mary
Ann has gone to Hingham to pass some time. I don't
know how long. The rest of us pass this evening
with Mr. Curtis. & tomorrow I go to Newburg fort.
To pray write me often. I shall here wait for
orders from head quarters. Whenever the Father
feels inclined to join me, I shall be very assiduous
to do the honors of fish, flesh, soup & wine, to
his taste, & Betsy's zeal will be overflowing

I had a long letter from Mr Jones last evening. he
writes with his usual good sense. Mr Sturgis de-
sires to leave him. & he is anxious to obtain
Mr Pierce from mine & Mr Lee's recommendations.
I shall see his Lady at Salem to-morrow & I
hope secure her. but if this there is some
uncertainty. The children have got to town, &
little dear baby has the intermittent. The
others are well. You must all of you discuss
a plan of taking Shinglee Hall. recollecting
that I am willing to spend a few Summers
there (say five years) with the children. provided
the father is so inclined. & you will think it
best to take the place & save it from wreck.
My idea is to take ~~the place~~ farm & all
from Mr Jones, without rent. let the place
support & repair itself with such aid as we
deem fair & right & we to take the children
free of expence to Mr Jones. he paying the
nurses wages the same as if she was in town.
Is this a good plan. Robert said if we did
any thing of the kind it must be done this
Autumn. I should not want Shriver or
his family but all new. & if possible Gorkiee.
This of course is a Summer arrangement subject to modifications.

And now dear George I have got something to
tell you that will surprise you. Yesterday I
went out & drank tea at Brighton, this is
not very astonishing - but when I tell you I
went on horse back & had a delightful ride
with Georgina & Mr Pike I think it well.
I commenced riding at her school, a week
ago last Thursday. & while with the children
am bewitched about it. I am not a very

fearless rider I can assure you
but every day improve, & gain
courage. They say I sit my horse well & do
not look as though I ought to carry the horse,
instead of his doing me that favour —
I can hardly tell you how much I miss you
& Robert. I am too dependent upon you for
me to be very glad when you are absent.
but still I am contented, & wish you both to
consult your best interests about coming to
me. I shall write to Robert after my
arrival at Newbury Port. Give my best
love to him & the others. regards to the Major
& his Lady. Perry is a perfect carnival to attack
the fathers nice little feet - when hours even
last

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from Boston -

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