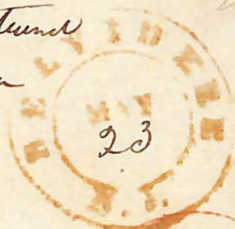


I would send a double portion of love were it possible
to send more. than I felt before, but as I am sure
that I sent no pines, I wish that you would kiss
my little cousins all round for me. - Mary send
her best love to you and thanks you kindly for
your letter, she says you need have no fear lest all
the cousinhood should be married before you see
them again - Mary Stevens told me to send her very
best love to you when next I wrote - It certainly
was a singular circumstance that I should have
neglected to mention Aunt Ann in my last
letter; but is it not more remarkable that since
first letter which I received from you, not one
single word have you said of Alexander Watts? It
can scarce be possible that you have not seen him
since you parted on the Mississippi. - To decipher
this letter you must first read the enclosed all through,
and then this envelope - (I wish Bull-Like writing
"Private, Read to Yourself" in a Postscript) - And now my
dear Emma as I am sure you cannot complain of the
brevity of this letter, I must conclude with wishing you all
happiness and prosperity.

Believe me your truly attached
Cousin Phil.

Returned
from



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Miss Emma Nicholas
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