

22nd February. Washington this with-day 1843.



SIR

Think of my having received a letter from you My dear
brother to day bearing date 23rd Jan only a month
from Madrid, the other letters by the steamer were
recd yesterday, two from Pa, one from Geo. & if you could
have seen the great delight & pride those letters occa-
sioned, it would comfort & cheer you through many
troubles. Rejoicing at the prompt sacrifices you determined
to make for all our sakes could scarcely be restrained.
If we cannot bear to have you so crissed & cramped
away from home, as you must be, to carry out the plan
you propose, it is so much easier to encourage at home
we have so many things that you have no idea how little
we require, & abundantly we are supplied. You
could not imagine to have our wd flourishing about
this winter that we were reduced, for we have not felt
it. Sister sent me my dress & sister paid as her partic-
ular present to her friend. We arranged ourselves for our fall
at home, which were as pretty as any in the room, out of
last years old ones. Nucle Tom's carriage & woe all those
troubles & back bills, so that you have no idea how
magnificent we have appeared upon nothing. I am too
sorry that the portrait which was so near being done, or
rather being begun, should not be. I shall vote for a portrait
of your precious & long being devoted to that purpose. Geo
wrote to you since our party & as we do not sail by the
steamer we must be old men, but as our little bag
is made up of such little particulars & details, as Nucle
Tom said, they will keep us busy for a month or
since we have been in town by packets. I hope they are
forwarded. Pa & George came back from Washington on
Monday with the paper but I have not seen enough of the
letter to know exactly what he has accomplished. You
will probably hear directly from himself. I must now

Melancholy example of the evil effects of a totally neglected
 Mental education & a most contracted Moral one.
 I spent a few hours the other day with Julia Boyd doing
 she is much happier than she used to be, but I am afraid
 will not be very much improved by her in Character & her
 Master. She is in excellent health walks down town with
 him every morning, and then comes home to work a pair
 of slippers for his birth day. but Mary (who we found at home

27th Feb. is very ill. She has been very ill since she
 came to New York & is still at it, but still at 55th St.
 & is very ill. She is very ill - when I visited
 her to be her bed.

From My Dear Mr.
 Feb. 27th 1843

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-fast the other day at 1/2 past twelve-) is in most wretched spirits.
 Cannot become reconciled to have Julia leave, but can't bear
 living too. Julia & the mother will move in the Spring.
 We heard a little piece of news last night. Miss Julia Ward
 is engaged to that Philanthropist Dr. Howe of the blind
 institution at Boston you remember. The notice of him in
 Dickens' notes. There is a book spoken very much of, which
 you must read, called "The Bible in Spain". I believe the Author's
 name is Barron. at any rate he is an English missionary to distribute
 the Bible and falls in with some tribes of Gypsies in Spain and
 has a great many other interesting adventures in that Country making

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