

1 New York - March 3 - 1805.

My dear father,

I have just time to write you a few lines, to tell you that I love you sincerely - The time has appeared very long to me since you left home - We all feel very solitary without you - Do come back as soon as you can - For we want you very much -

I have been staying out of town the last week with Uncle Martin. I intend returning tomorrow and I think I shall stay till you come home - It is very solitary there but I have been so dissipated this winter that I mean to rest a little -

I have finished Charles Vth and begun Voltaire's ancient History -

All the family is well and send their love to you. I shall write to you next week -

Adieu my dear father and
believe me your dutiful
& affectionate Son -
A-A-H-

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