

Preston 24th May 8 1/2 -

Dear Anne,

Our very hearts were rejoiced this evening at the reception of your welcome letter, I had waited patiently all day thinking we could have no intelligence till the morning - My spirit has been in your sick room since 4 o'clk, yesterday afternoon & I have turned the case I should have been with you - I felt as if I had deserted you & I longed to visit you to share the care of our sister Maria - It was the first time I ever returned home with divided feelings - I think your letters very encouraging and my hopes were proportionate over my fears - As I was returning I had resolved to come back to you to day but my fatigue from the journey was so great that I gave it up, thinking I would join you on Friday or Saturday to partake in your trials or your joys! But when I read your letter tonight I was induced about coming to you again, & shall be influenced by what I hear to-morrow - Should you feel your strength ^{to} exhausted or need my aid in any way let me know

I nothing but a stronger the men will detain me
from you - Do take as much care of yourself
as you can under the present circumstances -

I fear Henry might fail as he is the
most unwell to watching and confinement -

My conscience reproached ^{me} for leaving you
to repose so long in what you so truly call
that 'filthy bed' I did not get over the effect
of it all day - I found them all well here
but in a state of great anxiety which I
somewhat relieved though I could not comfort.
Lizzy looks finely, little Ann paid me a
visit to day but I did not see her, I mention it
to show she is well -

Remember I shall be delighted to come
to you if I can be of the slightest use, I
feel discuss two ways, but they can do without
me very well at home & it seems to me
as if I wished to come & finish together
the journey are commended in company -

Dr Gray has just recd your letters and
views them in the same light with ourselves
he thinks we could not have been ^{gained} in so
short a time - He desires me to request
Dr Hyde to write to him & give him
a particular account of Maria - I feel
very much satisfied with the physician and
am glad Caroline does - for if I mistake not it was she
who met & cured Dr Hyde.

Do be very particular to write daily, I suppose
your letters came by the accommodation pass
to Providence & I presume you are aware that
Mr Deane the conductor of the Ac. Pass boards
is the same house with you & I dare say
will take charge of any letters for you - He
is very very kindly of me about Maria
& I think you may depend upon him -
My love awaits you all,

Yours faithfully,

M. G. L.

P.S. father asks me to say that he is going
on very well, rather busy - he looks better
than when I left home.

Henry G. Chapman.

Stonington.

Care of Mr Dean
conductor of the
Accommodation car from Providence to Stonington.