

Leicester,
July 31/72.

Dear friend Garrison,

49 I did not get my letter from
Richard Webb - of same date and postmark
with Alfred's to you (July 14) - until last
even. I believe it arrived here on Monday,
but we were all absent for a couple of days.
~ I send it to you, as there may be some
particulars of his ^{last} 4 or 5 days, that you
may not have seen, & would like to see.

Mr. & Mrs. S. N. Magill drove up
here this a.m. from S. S. Foster's, - and
recently from your house; and I sent back
to him & Abby, by them, a copy of a portion
of Richard's letter, as they sent to ask
particulars. So much of R.'s letter as
was written on Saty, 12th - the day before
his father's death - had been written in pencil,
& was hardly decipherable. I have
touched it lightly over with pen and ink (the
paper being so very thin), and you may be
able to make it out. Otherwise I think
you could not have read it, as the pencil
marks were getting dull.

There is no haste about returning it; but I should like it by the 4th. Very truly Yrs. S. M.

