

My dear Deborah,

I return your ruff  
with many thanks especially  
as the time I have had  
it, you would have found  
it useful. I have not  
equaled the beauty of the  
original but I am willing  
to attribute it to the want  
of the same material  
rather than to the deficiency  
of my skill.

We may wish ourselves  
<sup>joy</sup> that our letters have at  
length arrived, & with as  
favorable intelligence of

Henry's health as we  
could reasonably hope.  
I rejoiced that his letter  
had a cheerful spirit.

I am sorry to tell  
you, mother, has been  
very ill; for a fortnight  
she has not left her  
room & the first week con-  
fined to the bed. She  
is now recovering but  
regains her strength  
slowly. I think her  
complaint has amounted

to a positive fever though  
not of a severe kind.

I am doubly glad that  
the beautiful weather is  
approaching, that mother  
may feel its renovating  
power. Father & the rest  
of us are quite well.

As you have so much  
in store for you, you will  
not mind the shortness  
of my note which was only  
to accompany you ~~and~~  
as a passport.

Affec, yours

Mary G. Chapman.

April 16<sup>th</sup>

Mr. DeFord.

Miss Deborah Weston.

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"Mr. & Mrs Chapman sailed last evening for Port au Prince. I am really indebted to you for the pleasure you procured me in making their acquaintance - Their intention is to reside a few weeks in the Capital, to see the country, and then return to the Cape by this way overland, should Mr Chapman's health permit him so to travel - The few days they passed here with me have been for myself, family and friends, so many days of extra enjoyment."

Twice a letter of Mr. Dupuy's to  
Mr. Anne

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For Deborah