

Annapolis August 9th 1847

My Dear Mother,

Conceiving to myself that I was one among the number of your dear children mentioned in your letter, of whom you expressed a hope of their not forgetting how to write, I thought I would be ~~the~~ among the first to remove any apprehensions of that kind which you might have by causing you to receive a letter from me.

By way of commencing I will acknowledge the receipt of your very interesting letter of yesterday's date addressed to Father. We were all very glad to hear that you were well and enjoying yourself. We do sincerely hope that nothing may occur to disturb in the least your enjoyment.

Father wishes me to state that his letter written yesterday, placed in the hands of Mr. Isaac Holland was unfinished, as he had no idea that it was so late, when Mr. Holland called after it, which will account for its reading so abruptly. You will no doubt discover on perusing its contents that he made no mention of Brother Jonny's birth day, which might lead one to suppose that we had scarcely spent a thought about him, but the case was far different for if you only could hear our speculations