

West River

May 16th 1857

My Dear Sister Bet

I was very much astonished, upon reading your Post script to Mother's letter (the receipt of which I had acknowledge) to find it commence with a query to the following effect "Whether you were going to permit me to triumph over and make you a subject for ridicule or comment?"

Pray tell me Miss Sensitive, how can you prevent it? It is silly for one to suppose that you poor vain thing could interpose an obstacle which would have the slightest effect to hinder me giving expression to the thoughts in regard to your gigantic intellect and fanciful imagination. I might entertain. Had you an-