1860 May

Mrs. Caspar Morris
Care of Dr. Caspar Morris
West River
Maryland.

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I remain your affectionately
Hannah Pert.

My dear Mother.

I don't know that I have any thing very particular to say to you but I just made Hannah leave a little room for me just to scratch a few lines to you to say that I do hope we will be able to get off next Friday as I very much fear that unless we do I won't be able to see you at all this summer & this visit will be a very short one as I shall come back on Tuesday if there is a boat up that day. if not I must either come up Monday or Wednesday according to the way things look when I leave here. Every thing is moving very slowly in the coal yet awhile except that Mr J & Co are showing a little bit of generosity in buying from me this year at the same price that they could have made contracts for. This is something unusual at any rate. I have every expectation of being able to supply them with all they want although of course it is at a miserably mean profit. however it helps to pay wharf rent & the greater number of tons I put over the wharf the less pr ton I have to pay wharfage. Well I will see you all soon so with love to all I remain Your Affg Son
Sall

Phil.a May 26th /60

Dear Mrs. Morris.

I suppose you have heard that we intend to avail ourselves of your very kind invitation. And as the Doctor tells us it is best for Annie to get out of town as soon as possible, we think of starting for West River next Friday, if it is perfectly convenient to you and Mary. You see we are taking you entirely at your word. And I am sure that if it does not suit you you will let us know. Annie has a great many misgivings about the trouble &c. What we will put you to, but I trust she