1818-1891 Mary Lincoln Rockwood

SIDE ONE

I'll tell her Aunt sends much love & many thanks for the little Cup & Saucer, your Father bought a little Tea Pot to use with it, & it's actually in use, Eng. 9 O'clock I have just left her fixed for the Night, she has sat up twice to day & is certainly gaining ground.

Your Father cold is better but I am sorry to say his hearing is much affected by it, I do hope that will wear off;

I suppose about the time this reaches you Cousin Mary will be going down, I shall write to her by the next Mail, not having able to do so now. Mary & I have been amusing ourselves with imagining trips, & how they are to be accomplished, not that we are going to make many preparations, she speaks of Mary E. with affection & says she has sometimes regretted she did not bring her with them, she was such a comfort last Summer, should she return to America & travel she'd like to have her, but she's well off now here & I think this one would move with her, E. takes great interest in Julia Kelly & your description of its beauty, but I would never do to take Mary there. I am a little fearing Dr Cogshill will send Mary to some of the German Springs, I admit I should dread the Channel more than crossing the Ocean for her & don't enjoy for ourselves, most likely our next will tell you the decision. Give much love to all Yours most lovingly

Father

London, Midland Hotel,
May 29th 1878.

This is very plain write & I think it will, must do, with the help of God, but I cannot and can only trust that the People we meet with this to be the Gentlemen is only one of the Brother Jonathans.

Gave much love to all of them & remain Yours lovingly

Father

Now 11 oc we are safe on dry land, & while I gain say to the while Father is out making arrangements to go on this Afternoon to the Isle of White.

We reached Liverpool about 8 O'clock last Night & altho' we have the great satisfaction of hearing from letters from home giving favorable reports of you, Your Father seems to wish to hear on, so last night we took Berths in a Saloon car & left Liverpool at 10,15, & reached here by 8,15. A Miss Anderson from near Boston found whom we met on Board put herself under our care thus far, where she expects to be joined by Mrs Jones & Aubrey. On reaching Liverpool while we were welcomed most unexpectedly by good news, Mrs Frazier & her Daughter, were notified of the Death of the Sister, Mrs Pepper whom she was coming to visit, so they joined us in the Pal Mall & have thus far gone on to Paris. We are still feeling the effect of the Ship motion, take the time for it to wear off, the Channel was so unusually smooth yesterday that the Landing was effected much more readily, & with less discomfort than usual, so I am not dreading the trip over to the "Isle of White", & know a truly hearty welcome awaits us. After reaching there we'll be quite great fun for we need it. Mary has been put on the Lounge to have her Bed made, & was taking nourishment comfortably.