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Dearest love to you all
July 16th

My dear Child,

I find I have let the opportunity pass of writing to you but will now begin & hope to do better next time, you might if so disposed think I had little else to do & expect to hear more frequently, but that would be a mistake my time is all occupied tho' it is little nothings & the effort to write especially to send across the Ocean does not divine it, Now that Mam is able to creep out two & perhaps 3 times during the day, altho' tis for a very short walk, we do consume some time in these acts, the Afternoon we still take a drive which we all enjoy, I don't think I have told you we had prevailed upon Gale to go up to London last Wednesday to meet Gl & Mrs P & the Boys & take the Boys about a little, besides wishing him to do that we really think G— is not well himself & hoped the change would help him, we hear daily from him & Mam is getting along nicely; misses him of course, but is content, she has an Old Man twice a day to Galvanize her, & thinks tis some one mentioned as probable fellow Passenger none of whom do we know any thing about except Mr & Mrs Crispin, she is Mamie Sister & peculiar but it is of little consequence who is on board with you there is no necessity for much intercourse indeed any little opportunity. While Mam improves we think it best to quietly remain here, & enjoy the Air & Drives, but we will not be able to make purchases of any kind, tis an expensive place & only a few Shops, & I don't think things are for less money there at Home & the Custom House Duties are to be borne in mind, so I forbear altogether.

16th July, Gale & Boys with Mr & Mrs P returned to us on Saturday the latter leave for the Continent to day, & we shall then be quiet as ever & I am sure this best for us all, tho' they are pleasant People, We are somewhat disappointed this Morning at not having letters, but will hope on, they may come in the course of the day, we are not worry'd about the Jam about some clothes to wear, wish I had Mary G— for a while, for Mam I have been able to get things, so she'll be supplied, She desires much love to you all, I hope the excitement of the few days past will not upset Lea for she has been doing so well,

Farewell with best love to all Yours most Affy

A. M.