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beneficial, when we walk we carry a comft chair & sit rests when needful, there are so many invalids here, that nothing attracts unpleasant attention, Wheeled Chairs, drawn by Men or Donkeys Couches on Wheels, & some persons drawn lying down, the Roads are perfectly smooth & as hard as rock, no jolting. We are as comfortably found in the House as possible, have a Parlour opening on to a very pretty Yard in which we can sit or Walk privately if we wish, & chamber on the 2nd Floor, plain but very neat, cooking nicely done, house perfectly quiet. Yesterday we were a little surprised to find we were to have a "Monk" & some of his Sisters in Faith as lodgers, his name is Joseph Lynn, but he is called "Father Ignatius", Of course we shall studiously avoid any acquaintance, The Crown of his Head is shaved as bare as Mary's, with a rim of brown Frizz around the head, he wears a very loose Black Gown to cover the Feet, Sandals on them, no covering on his Head, & creeps about so quietly that you do not hear a sound, he is holding services here twice a Day notwithstanding the numerous Churches of the Clergy, & collects crowds & is largely aided both in Money & Jewels toward the support of the Monastery & the Sisterhood in Wales he is a Jesuit of the deepest Dye, is represented as a most able preacher, he is a very handsome Man & so is his Sister, Woman, but we would rather not come in contact with them, & hope their stay will be short. Your Father has not been quite so well lately & I don't think these People being here with us calculated to cheer him. July 14th Last night Mr & Mrs Pleasant came to us & a most joyous meeting twas to Them, the Boys having been absent for 6 Weeks, they are in good health & spirits & have enjoyed their trip most fully, We were obliged to get a room at the Hotel for Mr & Mrs P— as this House was full, "Father Ignatius" & Party having taken & still occupy what we had expected to give them, I think tis a little arrangement for us to have them to visit us, that to stay, quiet is very essential to one Party, Mam & Your Father especially, tho a little pleasant intercourse is of service, those friends were so kind during Mo—s illness that we feel very grateful to them, their stay in Malvern will be short as they are going now to the Continent, not expecting to return to America until Feb'y. Our time is wearing away about 8 Weeks more on this side the Ocean, & we occasionally have