

Easton - October 5 - 1841 -

It has been 6 weeks since we heard from you my dear son - and of course feel great anxiety about you - I can well imagine your disappointment, at not seeing your Brother William, as my last letter - must have led you to that expectation, after the prospect of parting - and making all his arrangements for the winter - when he got to Baltimore found his orders countermanded - he is now at Sallies point near Baltimore surveying I believe for a fortification - when done there he returns to his work on the Delaware - Matilda and himself have taken a small house in Philad. and are going to house-keeping - - - I was called here last week by the extreme illness of your sister Ann - she had the convulsions fear - and was in great danger - but thank God she is entirely out of danger - though in a very weak delicate state - the sickness of this place exceeds any thing ever known here before - I heard yesterday, that there were 250 cases of sickness in this town - this visitation has been brought on I say one thinks by the filth, and the extreme dampness of the season - the country is not generally sickly - though there are violent cases - our country is unusually healthy - and Centreville never more so in the month of May - owing to the blanch the other side being drained - and the meadows that is now exposed - it is really an example to all villages - I have had an attack of third stage ague - and little Ann has been quite sick - except that the family has been healthy - I feel uneasy about Albert - he came down with me - and that night