engaged to— I also had the honor of a long visit yesterday morning from Wallis & Henry Waggaman, this last is extremely agreeable & clever & Wallis you know is always so, he invited himself to Woodwood this Summer & asked when I had heard from you, he seemed in great spirits— Mrs John Kennedy & Miss Grey called yesterday, I suppose they wanted me to think they did not know I was in town before (I saw them at the concert) she asked me if ~~she~~ his Fossy had not been in town, she thought she saw him in the St. he has taken his seat— we have just heard that half of Charles is burnt down & you may suppose there will be much anxiety— till Cousin Sally is heard from— I bought the matting to day, there ought to be 38 yds I paid for it $21.38 cts, beat him down 8 1/4 cts per yd.— it is remarkably good, on examining them again I prefered the white— I have also chosen the paper. it & the matting will be sent up to morrow in the cars— if it ~~shd~~ be put up before we return you must recollect the border is to be cut in two, borders are now used very narrow. he will take back any whole or half pieces that may be over, it is a French paper & only 62½ cts per piece, which is very cheap— the glass that fits one of our lamps will not fit the other so that you must send the other piece down by Mr Hawkins on Sunday if you want for both. so must Aunt Fossy I shd have sent them up as far as I could get them by Cousin Fossy but the man did not send them here in time to be put in the trunk. tell me how you & Cousin like your bonnets, and also if there is any thing else you think dear Uncle Archy wants like, nothing would prevent my getting it for him. give my best love to him, how I should like to see him and every one of you. if you want any thing at all before I return you ought to write me in good time as I can do it so much better if not married. I can get any thing at Harrison's on credit if you shd not have the money. I will let you know in the next letter what money I have of yours— tell Thomas that there is a waistcoat here for him & also that I received his bundle & sent it as directed.. if your shoes do not fit return them by Mr Hawkins. you must not think you give me any trouble it is a great pleasure to execute commissions for you all— tell Pa he must let me get his summer clothes so as to make them when I return— with tottoon best loves to Pa, Thomas and all at home & kisses— I remain most affectionately your attached Sister Molly & see

My Dear Ellen,

You were very kind to think of my nut taffy, I assure you Cousin Pine & Sister Pa enjoy it to the utmost. at present it is forbidden very intimate acquaintance,— Poor Uncle A. I was very much shocked to hear of his low state for Uncle Fossey he must require constant attention with most affectionate love to Papa & all

Yours ever

Eliza A Lee.

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