Cottage August 11th 1857.

I have received your letter of the 9th this morning, and however gratifying it would be to me to see you, I must beg you to defer your visit until I go home to Baltimore, the 5th of September. The Cottage is crowded, and it would be very embarrassing to me to see you at this time, in the presence of so many. Father will be better prepared then to talk to you on the subject; he thinks it requires mature reflection, in consequence of my having seen so little of the world, and of your proposals being so unexpected to him. Whatever preference I may feel for you above others, I think reflection aided by prayer would direct me better how to act. Will you remember me most affectionately to dear Aunt Horsey & Cousin Ella and believe me always, sincerely your friend

Anna Carroll

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