

James & Co. 1837

1157.

Dear Sister Mary,

I have only time to write
you one line - almost literally true -
For the last 14 days we have been
shut in by an ice embargo - no
letters - no papers - Terrible. As soon
as we have communication with New York
- this letter going by the hands of a gentleman
who takes about for the lumber
opposite old point - I shall be
off to Richmond where if you write
me at the Exchange I shall get
your letter. In a week or so I shall
be in Ball? until when good bye
God bless you! Have you sent
Sister for your care of little Annie.

Ever affly yr brother

James

James Barron Hope Esq.

addressed }
Baltimore }

Hampton Va
31st Jan^{ry} 1857