

Easthampton. Aug 19. 1846

My Sr Sir:

My regret was equal to your own at passing through New York without seeing you. but it could not be avoided as I ~~would~~^{did} not prior to the hour of my departure from home, ascertain the day of leaving, and therefore could write to no one. I had to stop a night at Bristol for Alice, and unless I took the evening train for Greenport, should necessarily have been detained until Monday in the City. I resolved therefore to take "a hearty plate of soup" at the Astor and hurry on. As it was I was near being left. We reached here at 1/2 past 11. and took every one by surprise - Julia altho still feeble is fast improving in health - she rode out for the first time to day - The horses were gentle - and yet I confess I should much rather have had you in command than John, who in the event of any difficulty would be but an indifferent reliance. However they seem to be well broken and Julia will use them freely in future. The little boy, your namesake, altho not so fat as I had expected to have seen him, is still

1881.91 in good health and grows again -

Can you not contrive us some fruit from N. Y. Soft peaches would be a luxury with us, as none are raised in this vicinity this year - and yet I know not how they can be forwarded - I hope you will bring yourself at some early day, as I am sadly in want of the society of a brother fisherman - The duties of your office, I am aware, detain you and lay you down closely in the city, and therefore I must get on as well as I can with John.

The letters which you forwarded were merely congratulatory and therefore came soon enough to hand.

Truly Yrs
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