

My dear Mother

Feb^y 19th

I wrote Fannie a lovely letter to say we were coming home, & we were so busy I did not put it in the office for some days after I got home, kept forgetting it, we are now night completely fixed, & ready to entertain Fannie & yourself & children so come down soon to see us, Oh how I do wish dear Aunt & Cousin Mary could come, I hope they will in the spring, Uncle Jack & Cousin Gibbon too, all must come, we have a great deal to make us happy here & many kind friends, but my dear Ma's health is so bad she is not able to leave the house, is now almost entirely confined to her bed, Dr Waller is attending her says her general health is very bad, she is so weak she cannot walk across the floor without being almost exhausted, has had a complaint on her bowels for two months, & now has inflammation in one leg, the Dr poulticed it, & yesterday touched it with castick, today he touched it better, but says she must keep still in bed & be dieted I do hope it may please God to restore her to health, for what should I do without her, but I trust she is getting better, she has just roused up (she has taken Morphine) & says who are you writing to, give my love to Rufus & Fannie & tell them to bring me something, some meat or any thing they can spare; is a neighbor in town & give my love to Sister Mary too, & all her family, she seems to be sleep again before I had written what she said, we will expect you soon, Cousin Helen & Mary are with the love,
your aff^l Son
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