

Frid., Dec. 30

Dear Helen

I received your letter a few moments since & hasten to reply, as I now have a letter business which we have not often, we have a great deal of company, being new comers, we were busily occupied the first week or two getting the house fixed & since with many returning calls, we have met with so much kindness since we came, the Gordon & Cousin Ann Fitzhugh & many others have been polite & kind as near relations & we are quite charmed with our new home, I once thought King George the sweetest place in the world, & I now could love any place or people so well, but I think Fard's sweetest now, but I reckon home is sweet when ever it may be.

Give my love to dear dear Cousin Mary I am so sorry to hear of her delicate health, how often do we think & talk of her, & when we first talked of coming here we would so often say we could have you all to visit us, & said many plans for Cousin's Gibbon & Mary coming down & staying with us, I would love to write to her but as long as she continues so weak it might not be well for her to read one of my long letters, let me know when she is well enough, how I should like to visit on her, & sit with her while she is confined to her room, we have been anxiously looking for a letter from you, do write again soon, if it is only a few lines to say how all are

Now I will answer all Aunt Charrys questions
I ought to be so thankful to say Cha^r is a great deal
better, she rode out yesterday all about Town & I am
hopes will be able to ride to Church Sunday, her leg is
well, her strength greatly improved, indeed I think she
is wonderfully improved in health, & fine appetite.

Brother Gibbon I think is in better health, he lives
at the same place, (Bayatons) In Portlands old place,
Brother Keppel knows when I mean.

I will tell you something about our coming up,
Charryant & I come up in Oct^r on a visit, & said one
day now in jest, suppose we come up to live, we talked
of it & our friends enjoyed it, Brother Gibbon come up
for us, & highly approved of the plan, so we thought if
Ma^r & Cousin Helen would consent we would come, Cha^r
consented eagerly, we got home Saturday, Charryant & Cousin
Helen & Charryant come on to say they were willing
I sat right down & wrote we would take the house we
had selected & wanted possession the last day of
Nov^r. I then advertised the land for rent, & a sale
of our things, it was all done before any one knew
of it not even Lucy, she knew it better than I supposed
she saw Cha^r was too uncomfortable when she lived, Lucy
come up with us & staid a few days, she & Cousin Helen
have been ever since & staid one day, I wish we could
see her often it is a great draw back to our happiness
but Cha^r has many sources of comfort & happiness she has
enjoy in King George & I hope will soon be able to

best her friends, & I truly hope will get up
the Country next summer. I know it will add so
much to her health & happiness. We do not know
that our income will support us here, we will have to
conceive a great deal & I hope we will get
along, we bought no pork it was too high, we find
we can live cheaper on beef, & when she wants a
little bacon we can buy a few pounds for her
it is a profitable business, Charlotte & Cousin
Helen one half & Cha. the other, the rent is 130
dollars paid quarterly. Cha. Peard rented Belmont
for fifty dollars, she rented the land left
you to Lucian Dade, he & Albert Dade took
most unfairly & she gets no fodder, only about eight
or ten barrels of corn, many persons advise her to sue
for her share, they have both degraded themselves
a great deal by their conduct, however Albert Dade
left in the midst of impotence, perhaps he did not
approve of the injustice & left to escape revenge,
Lucian took advantage of our moving.

You must all come down soon to see us
Cha. Cousin Helen & Charlotte join me in love to
all at Finner & Springhill, let us hear again
my soon we will be so anxious,

your aff. Sister
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