

Friend Bill, January 4<sup>th</sup> 1851

Dear Mother

For the first time Mrs Rogers to day  
took ride to town, the Dr advised his exercising in the  
conriage and he will ride out every day now till  
quite well. I hope from that he is able to take  
exercise he will get rapidly better - but as yet he  
looks badly and sleeps ill indeed scarcely gets all  
during the night - I was delighted to get a letter  
from you for it is some time since I heard, and  
I feel anxious when a few days more than usual  
elapse without hearing you are well - I have  
been very much occupied lately, all our servants  
have had the measles the whole set are prostrate  
just now with the best they are now on the  
recovery - I was sorry to read your account of  
the 15<sup>th</sup> of January dinner, sorry because I think  
it was wrong and unnecessary, My grandfather is now  
very old and his recent misfortune demands seclusion  
though not solitude, if he sees company he should  
be of a different sort from Messrs Pungston & Bily  
of Glen & they are not fit companions either for  
his age or dignity, at least it seems so to me, but  
I do not wish to hazard such an opinion about what  
I have no concern with - Grand Papa I presume leaves

Mrs Bay



The room when the company was disengaged to him  
I wonder what Maria thought give a dinner while  
Sam is a way, for my part, I thought I should have  
thought she would have seized the excuse, for to  
give a dinner to such a set must be any thing  
but agreeable - however I agree one in son's part -

See by the papers that grand paper claim has  
been brought forward by Hinton Messers, I confess  
I do not like this appealing to the sympathies of the  
house, his claim is one of right, on which he  
concedes to be such and it is placing him in  
a wrong point of view to be holding him up  
as an object of pity to the members -

They might reject my claim if they pleased but  
they should not reject me as a beggar -

Sam has never written us a line and I suppose  
will not till that Sam is settled to the papers for all  
I know of the matter, Mr Rogers is not in a  
condition to go down, if he could he would  
directly - Mrs Plunkin is getting quite pretty  
she is a perfect picture of health and good humours, her  
face is changing I think for the better -

Thomas Swann has been here on a visit to Mother  
for some time he goes tomorrow - in your next  
tell me something of Maria's journey in Chesapeake  
a beauty of her - who is this Mr Swartout you mention  
is at the collector's good bye write to me as often as  
you can Sam is still as well as I am  
to day that I can hardly write - give my love to  
my dear grand father Floyd joins me in affectionate  
regards to all - do not let any one see my letters  
for I do not wish to interfere in debts that concern  
she has a husband to take care of her and is older than

from Sam in the bargain and so is fully able  
to judge what she is about - once more  
adieu give my love to all  
ever your affectionate  
daughter Hortense M. Goy