

Richmond May 25  
[1836]

To Mrs Galt,

It is with much pleasure  
my Dear Elizabeth I inform you, that Miss  
Lambert made her appearance in this world of  
trouble last night at 9 o'clock (Sunday) we  
were at Sisters when the accident happened, she  
is a large sturdy fat wench as we say in Scotland  
and not at all troubled with that agreeable  
article called beauty, her eyes are dark blue  
her mama says she is to be called Sally after  
her mother, if she is like her in every respect  
she will do well as I am told our mother  
was a most estimable woman and beloved by  
all who knew her, Dave is quite charmed with  
his new sister and says he has now no love for  
his big sister, our mutual friend of the Boa  
species passed here yesterday I did not see him he  
told Aunt Hannah he lived in town so we may  
shortly expect a long visit from him so I  
think I had better scrape up all my natural  
Historical knowledge to entertain him the hours  
he stays

Do my dear Cousin spare a few words to us really think you  
might as we are all so anxious to have her amongst us I do not think  
you have any reason why you should withhold so gratefully a request

we have had the Chinese Lady here for some days  
she is quite a curiosity for those who regard  
deformities as such I felt no curiosity to see her  
her foot which was exhibited naked on one occasion  
is very little larger than this infants born yesterday  
it is still her custom to bandage it very tight  
when retiring for the night fearing I suppose  
it might grow larger, she says the ladies here  
have such large staring eyes, and such tremendous  
feet, Eliza paid her a visit but was more  
pleas'd with the curiosities about the room  
than the lady she saw and heard the Gong  
the Chinese boy the interpreter of Ahong Moy  
is a remarkably well educated boy of about 18  
Eliza asked him how the ladies employ'd their time  
as they never read, he said O they dress themselves  
and comb their hair which always takes them some  
hours, hours, to smooth and brush, now suppose  
my dear Cousin you were to devote as much to  
your needles what would you think of yourself  
of ~~see~~ you I suppose I William cares nothing  
about seeing <sup>her</sup> more altho' he propos'd to be so much  
in love with the Princess, but now how changed  
is the view, a few short months change the face  
of affairs most wonderfully, we cannot tell what a  
day or an hour may bring forth, I wrote a long  
letter to Ann last week she has not yet answer'd it  
Mrs Young and Miss W went to Norfolk on Sunday  
Ann will certainly return with them so I hear, P. J. C.

I have just finish'd Fanny Kemble's Journal  
and think it an interesting work, altho' very  
many vulgar sentences are to be found in  
the work yet we may easily perceive she is a  
woman of talent  
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and readings, some of  
her descriptions are beautiful, she like Mrs Follen  
tells many truths which we unfortunately dislike  
to hear, I understand from Mrs Sally who has lately  
been here that she entertains in splendid  
style, several services of Silver  
she offer'd 20 thousand ~~dollars~~ ~~dollars~~ ~~dollars~~  
dollars to the bookseller to surpress the work but  
it could not be done, she is now writing a Novel,  
till John I have just commenc'd A Tour on the  
Prairies, by the Author of the sketch book, I have  
found it very descriptive and excellent as far as I have  
gone, I wish he had it as I believe he likes to read  
of Indians, and such like gentle creatures, Mr Daubigny  
sent me last night the Defence of the Six Month in  
a Convent, written by the Superior she of course contradicts  
every thing Miss P has written and calls them black falsehoods,  
and now my dear Liz in conclusion, I will add this remark  
if you do not come up with your brother I shou'd shall  
feel quite mortified as this is such a sweet season for a  
visit and you I know have nothing to prevent if any of  
us can accompany you down be assur'd we will, but  
recollect you owe me many many visits of years  
standing so please do not hesitate to come

I am convinced cousins Pam & A will give their consent you  
 my best love to both and tell them I will take good care of  
 till John W that our friends over the creek were much  
 hurt at his not paying them a visit, so he and I must  
 and will go and kiss them all when he comes again and  
 you, Miss will not be excluded in our piousness "all  
 the time,"

Love to Aunt M & M & M I wish he could come up  
 on Thursday to see Mrs Mitchell & stand on the  
 Gallows as before he never saw one, we all wish to see it

Miss Elizabeth Galt

Attention of }  
 Mr Empire }

5 cups  
 1/2 cup  
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tell Sally I was at Miss Lincolls Queen of May on Friday  
 it was a most beautiful and interesting sight I wished for  
 her as I know she would have been pleased to see twenty little  
 girls with wreaths and crowns on, made of the most beautiful  
 flowers of the season, and now Elzzy farewell do write  
 soon to your affectionate S Lamer

Mr  
 Ann will certainly