

Long Island Sep. 23.

You have heard, my dear father, of our safe arrival at  
of lodge through Henry. We are so quiet here that it seems  
already as if we had been at home these two months. I have  
not seen a person except Col. & Mrs Gibbs since our return  
which is quite a contrast to the many, which I saw dur-  
ing our visit. You have rejoined your retirement  
too - and are no longer disturbed by the rattling of chaises  
and the trampling of horses over your head. Henry has  
gained a great deal of flesh and strength since his re-  
turn. He really looks hearty and seems a year older  
than he did two months ago. and Louisa has taken  
a great start in talking. She calls almost every thing  
by name, and very plainly too, and begins to form sen-  
tences. She says, Grand Pa is gone, and asks for beef &  
beans. We found every thing in good order on our return.  
and we are now beginning to gather in our produce.  
Our potatoes are very fine and a great many of them  
them - and we shall have a great abundance of lima  
beans which are just as good in the winter as the new  
meat. You may remember eating some when at our  
house in N York, you thought them very fine.  
I find that Mrs. Schuyler has gone to Boston, I wish her  
visit had been while we were there. I was sorry not  
to call on Mrs. Sawyer again, but I had not time  
to go any where after I went into Boston again, and  
left many others too whom I wished to see.

We have had a storm, the equinoctial, I suppose, & we were last Tuesday - a great deal of rain, and a good deal of wind. While it continued we scarcely saw a sail, but as soon as it cleared up, the vessels were busy again passing and repassing constantly. Little L. says, "there comes boat" she is delighted with the sight. The country is very verdant still. I think it never looked more beautifully here, than it does now. Henry has the pleasure of seeing almost all usual occupations going <sup>on</sup> here. making cider - & threshing - mowing &c.

We were very glad to hear that Kate had recovered so fast. It would be a sad thing to ~~let~~ him to have had a long confinement. We have not heard any thing of the President since we left home. How does Mrs. President carry herself? I suppose the <sup>doctors</sup> ~~doctors~~ have enough <sup>to</sup> exercise their wit upon.

How is Mr. Lee. He was not so well when we left. And how is Miss Katy. Give my love to her, and tell her, Henry talks about her and Dick very often. We feel curious to hear what steps the 'Protestants' have taken. If I remember right, the 18th was the day of their adjourned meeting. and I suppose by this time ~~time~~ something decisive has taken place. I do not see how either side could draw back. or remain, as they were before the memorial. I keep as early hours as you do. The nine o'clock gun from the Navy yard is all the clock I have to guide me, when Mrs. is gone, and so I am ready to be stirring betimes in the morning. Sep<sup>r</sup> 30. I am sorry that I did not know of Mr. P. Schuyler's going to Boston a week ago. but we could not send to him in time. I have not been to New York since we came back and shall not until we move, which will be in the course

of a few weeks. The weather the last week has become quite cool. I had  
sat by the fire most of the time - for it is several degrees cooler  
here, than in the city. I saw last night in the paper the death of  
Mr Aaron Hill - a revolutionary patriot ~~at~~ at Saratoga Springs  
can it be our friend Dr Hill? it did not say of Boston, or  
post master, as I should have supposed it would, had  
it been him, and I sincerely hope it was not he. He would  
be an immense loss to his family. You forgot, or rather did not  
put into his trunk. the box of pills, which you had made  
for him. But we have the recipe, and I do not see why  
they might not be manufactured at home as well  
as at a druggist's. Has Martha seen an odd throat  
I miss one but rather think it is at Henry's, and  
that the children took it from the trunk while we  
were packing, as they were as busy as we, while that  
operation was going on. If you think of it will you  
ask at Henry's when you are there, as our throats  
as lovely, as half a pair of swivors would be. We had  
had a few lines from H. & Mary since we returned  
which said that all were well at Cambridge. I  
manage your bottle of cider since we left you,  
last year a week I think - for our assistance  
of the most efficient kind. Henry does not forget  
your cider and your nice corns. When is Mr  
tram? Does he remain in Boston this winter, I did  
not understand when he meant to make winter  
quarters. His long winter evenings will be dreary if he  
is not able to employ them in reading.  
I suppose you do not expect to hear any thing new from  
this remote corner of the world, or entertaining, and I be-  
lieve I had better <sup>stop</sup> him and leave the ground to you -  
Maisea has gone to learn the mantle making business  
Give my love to mother - is she away as usual. or  
have you longer glimpses of her than in the summer.  
Your affection daughter Mary

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