

Rockaway Sunday evening July 30 '48

My dear Uncle,

I arrived here safely on Friday evening after a very tiresome journey; I really never knew what it was to be fatigued before. Rockaway is just as it was last summer, and very much the same people are here now that were then: I am heartily sick of it and would leave tomorrow if I had the opportunity; and I want to know; if you will not come on here when Congress adjourns, and take me traveling farther north to West Point, Niagara, Boston or any of these remarkable places that every American ought to see at least once in a life time; I propose this as I know you are going some place after the adjournment of our august Congressmen and such a trip will be of so much service to you, and perfectly charming for me: besides, I merit a little petting after receiving that gold medal, crown and nine premiums which I can assure you were no little trouble to earn and in striving for them I thought a great deal more of you and my dear brothers & sisters and of the pleasure which I felt confident it would give you than I did of myself. Mr. Walker is coming on and I hope you will accompany him; I would have written to beg Eskridge to come, but I know it does not suit him to leave home; besides I would prefer going with you, so please write very soon, my dear Uncle, and say you will come as soon as possible, for when one is living at a handsome price they might as well be enjoying themselves.

We remained in Philadelphia over night on Thursday. I was very hospitably entertained at Mrs. Dallas'; I have met many friends of yours all of which inquire particularly after you. I hope Miss Hetty has recovered entirely! I was very sorry to leave her so ill; give my best love to her. As it is getting very late and I have a miserable [pew?] I will bid "good-night", wishing always to be remembered as your affectionate niece

Harriette.

Write very soon

