

2113 Chestnut Street. Phila—

Sept. 29th 1897

My dear Mr. Henry—

Alice & Joseph are now in a Boarding House in New York. They failed to get board at 7 dollars per. week, but the lowest decent place was \$8.50 each = seventeen dollars a week, instead of fourteen as was expected. Before ~~writing~~ deciding, Alice wrote me, & I assumed the additional three dollars.

She mentioned that you had gone to Fortress Monroe, & hence I awaited your return before further action.

When I consented to let them remain in New York, it was with the prospect of Alice's getting a position which had been offered her previously, but would not accept while unprotected by her Husband. She now finds the place filled by another person.

Should she be permitted by us to work [text missing] in support of herself & husband? [text missing] assent to do so if they stay in N. Y. [text missing] allowance we give them will not suffice for all expenses. We cannot materially increase it. Joseph will be able to earn nothing.

Therefore, I am clearly of the opinion that the best plan is to locate them in Annapolis for the winter.

I trust you will agree that this is the only thing to be done, and give them to understand that you approve of their going.

If they remain in New York, they will inevitably fall into debt -- the longer they stay, the worse it will be.

Our safety as well as theirs depends on their leaving New York.

But Alice is unwilling to go to Annapolis unless you approve. I beg you to write her, giving assurance of a welcome.

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Unless one or the other of them can get work & thus eke out the subsistence we offer, they cannot remain in New York. Alice has failed in the only opening suitable for her. There is nothing left for them to do but to seek a cheaper place. Annapolis seems to be the place. You kindly left me at liberty to decide the matter, but as you felt some reluctance I hesitated, & made the effort to [text missing] in N. Y. It is not satisfactory. Alice finds it to be so, & shrinks from the [?]. I am [?] it will prove disastrous, & that we will regret it. The sooner we place them where their expenses will be reduced to moderate limits, the better for them & for us.

May I hope that you will notify them of your willingness to receive them?

Very sincerely your –

Thos. A. Hoyt

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