## Stapleton

My dear Mr. Henry

Your good dear letter has just been received and I can't tell you how welcome it was. It seems such a long <u>time</u> since I had heard from you just one week [words obscured]

You are always so prompt in writing but when your Sunday letter did not come, I was puzzled to know what the reason could be. When I wrote to you on Tuesday I was disappointed at [words obscured] from you that [words obscured] usual time but [words obscured] it could come in the morning, it did not though and had not [word obscured]. As [words obscured] say nothing [words obscured] it [words obscured] the [words obscured] was [words obscured] all be there [words obscured] and evening as I am [words obscured] I spent a very [words obscured] so many friends. I saw Gertrude R. there for the first time since her return. She and I have a table together. Mr. & Mrs. Prunett were among the visitors too. I had not seen her [words obscured] before since he [words obscured] and he said he was very glad to be able to congratulate me. We had a little chat about Annapolis which he thinks I cannot fail to like and it is a city he thinks is charming. Gertrude too thinks [words obscured] so you see I am [words obscured] if my future [words obscured] all [words obscured] is very [words obscured] so much of happiness. I shall [word obscured] in [words obscured] you [words obscured]

Sidney has gone to [words obscured]. So our family is [words obscured] I think is most of [words obscured] spirits than when you left which [word obscured] is a great relief to me. When [word obscured] speaks of my going away he seems to think Annapolis is along way off.

I have not seen Susie since [words obscured] and think she cannot [words obscured] have been over. I hope your letter [words obscured] today will come at the right time. I dont [sic] like the idea of being so long without hearing from you at all. Good-bye till [Sunday?]

Yours [word obscured] Lulie Anderson

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