

[Letterhead]

Brooks House

Brattleboro, Vt., Sunday 1873

My dearest Lulie,

I was so truly sorry to learn by your last letter that we could not take our little Summer trip together, as I had looked forward to it with so much pleasure, but of course your father knows best & if there was [sic] any danger of the fatigue being too much for you & your getting sick away from home of course it was right to take every precaution still it was a great disappointment to me – I decided on getting your letter to continue my purpose of leaving Bolton on Saturday but to go up to Burlington and Lake Champlain & thence by rail to Boston & Portland & visit Mt. Desert a place I have often wished to see & cool off a few days, before we start for home -- & so make a good use of what yet remains of my vacation, say a week or ten days. You will do doubt be surprised when you see this post mark – this is a pretty but no doubt very stupid little place [? ?] on the banks of the upper Conn^t river [sic] & I was forced to stop here as the cars on Saturday night [durst] go though to Boston. The ther here at [?] was 90° & in church it was almost unbearable. At Lake G I never suffered at all with heat but had a [?] little room big enough “to swing a date in” if you know how large that is. I expect I will be delightfully cool at Mt. Desert. I will leave here tomorrow morning at 8.20 for Boston & hope to leave there by boat at 7 P M for Portland where we ought to be early next morning & there I believe I take boat for Mt. Desert. My supply of clothes is very limited indeed but I hope by frequent washing of what I have to get along – somewhat as we had to do travelling in the mountains of Switzerland.

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I will write you every other day & keep you posted my dear little wife & will tell you as soon as I know when you can write me to – I feel satisfied from what you write that you are getting quite well & strong again & trust that nothing will put you back or give you any [?] that trouble. I wish so much, my darling little woman, that you were with me, to comfort at & am sure my pleasure would be double – I fear you have had very hot weather since I left & hope to hear not weakened you –

Kiss my dear Dody for me & with a great deal of love believe me to by your affectionate husband.

JBH

P S Mrs. Theriot sent her love to you & everybody who heard of your expressed their regret that you could not have been with me at the Lake. There were weary most agreeable people there & I made many nice acquaintances –

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