

Lancaster 1 April 1859

My dearest dearest girl,

I am still detained at this quiet "one horse" place. I expected to be here only a day but on my arrival I found that "His Excellency" had forwarded me a letter requesting me to make a number of collections of interest due on investments in this City & County. I have therefore been running about all morning & have received most of the payments except a few which are due from people living in the County. People here like anywhere else are rather slow in paying money & if these gents require me to hunt theirs up it will be a great "bore" as I shall have to get a buggy & hunt them up as any Country lawyer. I ought to be in New York tomorrow afternoon but unless I am unusually lucky this afternoon I will not be able to accomplish this & if I am not there tomorrow I may not be able to be admitted to the bar on Monday as I expected. But under all circumstances it is my duty as well as policy to give Uncle entire satisfaction. You don't know how many inquiries my friends & relatives here make about your dear self & all congratulate me. Obedient to you I tell no one about the time tho' all ask that. I say merely that it is not yet fixed. I hope you received much consolation from the return of your father with his cheering news. I expect to find your Mother in fine spirits & doing charmingly on my return. I am rather in the blues as I have just heard of the removal of a good friend of mine from office. On the score of economy as there was no objection to him. God bless you darling & believe me ever.

Your devoted & loving

JBH

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