

Marietta June 15<sup>th</sup> 1855.

Dear Katie,

I have been delaying writing to you expecting to hear from you every Mail: Maria W. received a note yesterday saying you would write to me soon - She has written a note to you so I will add a few lines by way of postscript.

In the first place I must tell you how nicely I got home: we had a little detention at Blenouchassett Island for a few hours by way of variety, but we were very thankful to get off of the bar as easily as we did, we arrived home about 12 o'clock Friday Night - I was very glad indeed to have the Dr. along: ladies may say what they will about travelling alone, for my part I much prefer a "Beau": to be spelt out at Midnight on "Harmer" alone I should not like.

Maria W. I suppose has told you all the news, & as I am much engaged in putting up Gooseberries to day, I must be rather short for Mac; I have sent up 10 qts. for you; perhaps you had better bring that little tub with you to take them down in.

Much love to all inquiring friends. I am expecting to see you & Mr. Means next month & you must not disappoint us. Mother.

Reduce or give a gentlemanly hand - Mrs. Means has his letter - was not received.