

13th June 1842

Monmouth Park one mile
from Eatontown New Jersey.

My dear wife,

I wrote a letter to Mary
yesterday morning & shortly after
finishing it yours of the 11th June
postmarked the 12th, was gratefully
received. I could not get an opportunity
to answer it till this morning.
I like the European Castle fully,
but in order to build it we must
be so inclined next year, we must
see the means & ways, we must
have health spiritual & physical,
and it may entail on you the
curse of my absence from home
in this Yankee land till the
Dixie Stake at Baltimore which
will be run at Baltimore about
the 1st Nov. How is that for high?

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