

Pequot's Landing Nov 1839

My Dear Son

If I remember well I promised
to write to you when I left home and I hope
you will not think me vain in presuming
to write you a few lines to day although I feel
myself almost incapable of performing so great
a task as this will be to me but I know that
you will be so delighted to receive a letter
that you will look over all mistakes, I should
like to know whether you or at school or not
if so how many whippers you have had yet
I know you would not desire any but I
expect when you get to talking with boys
you are a pretty high fellow, but I expect
you spend the most of your time with
pups if you recollect what lady that
is I am I have I do I bet a fopence
that you have not become how to read
or write yet and that is the reason
you have not fulfilled the promise you
made to me last summer when I
left home but I expect you are so much
taken up with the dogs and cats that
you never think of your sister you
must take good care of the chickens
and chickens and do not forget thy geese