

New York 15<sup>th</sup> June 1835

My dear Mother

As we expect to sail tomorrow at 11 o'clock this will be the last time that I will have an opportunity of writing to you from dear America. We were on board of the packet Columbus in which we sail, a day or two since it is extremely comfortable, and I hope that we may have a safe and agreeable voyage, we are told that we have selected one of the most pleasant months for crossing, there will be but little danger of storms. The packet will be quite crowded there will be several ladies and as many children, We have had so far an extremely agreeable trip, the children are at present slightly indisposed, but they only want a little fresh air (a commodity which is not to be obtained in this city) to make them entirely well. We have been in this place about a week, we gave out the trip to Boston as we thought best to remain here and secondarily recruited before we encountered the ocean. I was delighted to receive Kate's letter and particularly so to hear that you and my dear Mother were recovering. I hope that you will not let them see forget that they have a sister as I sometimes fear they will; however I shall remain <sup>as often as</sup> as often as