

Paterson N. J. 8th June/65

My Dear Niece,

Your very welcome letter postmarked the 4th inst, and in the same envelope with one from Mrs Cook dated the 3^d, only reached me this morning, doubly welcome because the first news I have had from home since I left.

The race horse clothing being unfinished will make no difference, and do not make any more till I return, which will be either by ^{or before} the first July or immediately after the Saratoga races.

The horses at home will need no clothes till August, if then, so you will not have occasion to make them soon. I heard with pain & surprize of the death of Poor Edger. When I left him I thought he would certainly recover.