

Thursday morning

Dear brother Ed,

You will no doubt be disappointed at not finding me at the boat, but I have such a severe cold I do not think it would be prudent for me to leave home at present. I suffered so much in the night with "acute hoarseness" that I thought I should have to send for the Dr. I feel better this morning, but can scarcely speak now. I was perfectly well till yesterday morning or should have sent you word sooner. If I am well enough I may come down tomorrow night, but Mr Blatterman and Mr Pierce are coming down then so it will not be necessary for you to come to the boat for me. Send this to sis Mary

Aff your sister
Lizzie