

Sorry that we could not get them ready, to send by Mrs Rely  
it was so good an opportunity - but it was utterly impossible  
for me to go to Harrisburg at that time, - I fear you will  
think we have shown bad taste, in the selection of the  
dresses - the gingham was the prettiest and neatest piece  
I could find, and I thought it would not only be  
suitable for summer - but also for the fall  
I did my very best, on the caps, and Sister says if  
you don't put them on, and wear them, that we  
will never send you any more, I expect you will  
think they look too gay - but they are not - I turned  
them by some that Mr Sherman brought Sister  
from Boston though not so fine, of course, I sent  
you a collar, and pocket handkerchiefs they are not fine  
but they will be useful to you, - also two shirts for  
Pa, and a dress for Sally, - tell her not to feel shy  
at my sending and old ones, the next shall be new

How is Grand Pa and Ma, give them  
my very best love, and if I live to come to see you  
all again, I intend to bring them a pretty present,  
and tell Uncle Stephen that I feel ashamed that  
I have not written to him, as I promised but he  
must forgive me, I will promise not to be so neglectful  
in future, give my best love to him and <sup>Mrs</sup> James  
and say to Uncle James that I will write to him,  
tell Sister I feel obliged that she writes to all of the  
family except me, - and yet, I have no reason to expect a  
letter from her, when I know, that I was never a favorite  
tell her I saw Chas in Houston last week, - he looks well,  
I think you had all better conclude and come to Texas  
I expect Clinton will persuade Sallie to come - yet, the  
more I see of him, the better I like him, and I think him a  
worthy young man.

We have never before had so much rain - and the mosquitoes were sure to be troublesome  
I fear it will make it very hot in the fall fine of the State family at Mr Sherman  
where we have at one time with better than fifty Bannons in the

any ill but is unring about and Mrs B has also had a slight  
attack she is a kind good neighbour, and was particularly so  
to me, when I was sick, she always enquired after you and Sallie,  
poor old Mr Tane is dead, the <sup>Gene</sup> Gene is living by himself,  
New Washington August 13<sup>th</sup> 1848

I have told you a little of my thing, and will bring my letter  
to a close - you must write soon, and let us know how the  
dresses fit - tell Pa I shall expect a long letter from him and tell  
me all the news he tries to write - Mr M joins me in love to  
My Dear Mother you all are your affectionate Daughter  
Cornelia

It has now been some three or  
four months since I wrote home, and the best excuse that  
I can offer for my silence, is that Cornelius and Len  
are waiting my work, and knowing, that when you hear  
from them you hear from us all it has made me  
a little more lazy than I should have been.  
When I last wrote you I believe it was from this place  
and told you that New Washington had been rented  
out, but a room reserved for Mr M and myself so  
we have been stopping here since then, Col Morgan  
has gone to New York, and persuaded Mr Morgan  
to stay here, and attend to his business until his  
return this fall, we call this home, but I think  
we spend almost as much of our time at Harrisburg  
I have been up three or four times within the  
last month - Sister & the Gene together with Amey  
made a visit to the Island last week, and brought  
home with them Mr and Mrs Stuart and <sup>their</sup> two children  
and stopped at the wharfe for Mr Morgan & myself  
so we went up - and staid four or five days - and  
had quite a pleasant time - eating water melons  
and ripe peaches, Sister is busy preserving, and smoking  
handy peaches, I left them all well - with the exception