

Salem July 21st 1850

My Dear Mother

We arrived here yesterday, this forenoon on our way to Kentucky, but the Steam packet has just come in from Orleans and brings reports that the cholera is very bad on the river some six or eight having died on the way from Orleans to Louisville also that the cholera is in Louisville and Cincinnati to a fearful extent and believing that it would be extremely dangerous for us to attempt to go up the river at this time - we have concluded to go to New York by sea, and remain until October and then I shall go to Kentucky and stay with you probably all the winter, if Mr. Majors health should improve I think he would like to remain all the winter in the States - we will spend part of our time in New York and New-Haven and Philadelphia and visit Mr. Lewis children if we can escape sickness we shall spend our time very pleasantly - I have a white nurse for ^{my} Harry Bell, who takes all the care of my hands, - Sister and Annie came down last week and staid four or five days with me helping me to get ready, they are all well and

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Kentucky.