

Philadelphia - Friday Noon

September 18th 1857

My Dear Annie -

On my arrival from Cape May, Wednesday evening I was delighted to find a letter from you and intended answering yesterday, but I did not feel well and Mr. Beaver thought it best for me to take a ride into the country than to remain at home to write - I have been quite sick since Monday - Tuesday I was almost burning up with fever all day and night - Wednesday morning I rode to the boat, went to bed the moment we went aboard, was really sick all that day - we got here about eight o'clock, I went to bed and slept tolerably well - felt much better yesterday, took a buggy ride from 5 till seven, out in the country, slept well last night and