

Camp Douglas June, 8<sup>th</sup> 1847

Friend Sammie

It has been so long since I wrote to you that I have concluded to reply to yours of the 1<sup>st</sup>. I sincerely hope you will forgive <sup>me</sup> for not writing sooner, but I cannot bring up any good excuse, for my negligence therefore shall promise to do better hereafter. I have received letters from Ella, very regular, since her stay out here, in everyone of which she expressed a desire to return home. You may well suppose, that one who is prejudiced towards Me, cannot blame her, but it seems as though I am very much attached to my adopted state, I just formed D. Handford acquaintance this summer I think he is all that you represent him to be. Will than is well & sends his love, I present my regards to your Pa & Ma, & all the rest, and don't forget that there is still such a passage at Smith

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