

Sumner

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My dear Henry

Your Pittsfield

letter came to hand to day. We were all greatly gratified to learn that your father and mother arrived safely and can appreciate your feelings of delight in meeting with them. Before this probably those pleasant feelings have been exchanged for those of a contrary character produced by their parting with you to return home. Since they left everything has gone on smoothly and all continue to enjoy good health. Eliza & Lilla though they were deeply affected and greatly distressed to part with you yet we have supported their absence cheerfully and would doubtless be willing for them to extend their visit longer than was proposed in order to afford yourself and sister the pleasure of their company for a reasonable period. Lilla was delighted to receive your father's affectionate letter to her. Cousin Maria has actually employed their absence in cleaning up the house furniture &c. The Town