

description of the Carriage I wished built
by him & requested him to write me a
letter on the subject informing me the
price for such an establishment & to send
me out a drawing of same - I have not
heard from him - and will thank you to go
down some Saturday & see him on the sub-
ject & inform him of my plan & wishes

During my absence this week one
day at Bedford with Mr McKean - Hon George
Banerjee, ^(the historian) called at my house to see me
He brought letters from the Andersons to me
He spent 2 hours with your Mother & Miss
Higgins and made quite an impression, I
regretted very much upon going into Lex
next morning to call upon him to find
that he had left - as I had made all ar-
rangements to invite a Company to meet
him at dinner - I should have gone in after
night to see him, had I not have supposed that
he would spend a day or two as your mo-
ther so understood him - as my paper is out
I will close & write one of these days about
your examination of your head - It strikes me
pretty correct - All send you & Mary much
love and many kisses -
Your devoted Father
H J Shumway

Lexington June 7th 1857

My Beloved Daughter

I received your 2 letters on yis a
terday and day before - for which you have a
thousand thanks - did you but know how very
gratifying it was to receive your letters - you surely
would more frequently write

In relation to the sewing machine, as
you have your heart so set upon it - and
even fear that disappointment might in-
volve your safety - we shall have to purchase
it for you, so that you can qualify yourself for
its management

We have had and just got through with
the General Assembly - I was decidedly the ablest
body of men I have ever seen - distinguished
for talents learning & piety - some of their
discussions were very able - They were in
session some 2 week - numbering some three
hundred members - even among their lay mem-
bers some of the ablest men in the country

They speak of their entertainment here
as surpassing any they have met with, all
houses were opened for their accommodation
Our people seemed to lay themselves out
to make themselves comfortable & feed