Boston July 7th 1883

My dear Mother,

I came to town yesterday to try to hear of other lodgings as I find those at Neate's untenable and your letter was put into my hands. I write to inform you of the sale of the pictures which took place a few days ago—the proceeds after all expenses are paid the auctioneer & all the fine of a room fee will amount to about four hundred and fifty dollars which I earnestly advise you to appropriate to your own use. It would be a drop in the bucket to grandpa's creditors but would make you comfortable for six months to come. Let me know as soon as you can your determination and how you will the money disposed of. I kept back the Inlinee, Bonaparte, Holy Family, Concerto, Hector & Andromache of the soap stone figures, because I thought it a pity to sacrifice them as the others were sacrificed. Thomas Beecham has exerted himself to the utmost to do the best he possibly could, nor do I believe the pictures could have been sold for a larger sum any where north.
Same Appletor paid the highest price which was ever for any single painting; forty dollars for Diogenes of Alexandria; the head of Columbus went for 70. Locke for 135. Bacon 75. You must now notice me to return thanks to me for all your exertions have been great and that the pictures sold for more than the cost of selling them.

I am going to carry my Lakas to the sea-coast at Cohasset about twenty miles distant, where I shall keep them until the middle or last of September. Nothing can exceed the discomfort in which I live at Newton. At Cohasset I shall at least have the sea air and salt water bathing which will enable me to bear the inconveniences I may otherwise be subjected to. The children still cough and ague, and headaches continue. Another change of air will perhaps do them good.

Jefferson although pale and thin, coughing and cutting teeth, is very good humored and sweet. He says several words and imitates all the actions of the others. Sidney of himself fights occasionally and "naughty Tom" is the last name the twins can find for him. They call...
him Tom because they cannot pronounce the name Jefferson, & he has reduced him to the two syllables he himself invented.

When dear mother I write in great haste (as I wish to return to Wexford as soon as possible this afternoon) and with wetted materials, had pair bade ink, had paper; I fear you will find it impossible to read. I shall receive your letters quite as soon as at Wexford as there is daily intercourse with London by stage and steam-boat. Give a great deal of love to all the girls & boys of all ages and sex.

I hope some of them will write from Virginia to let me know how they are getting on, 

by the first of October I shall be in readiness to receive the one of my sisters who is coming to keep my solitary home for me. Then have her no scruples from London for more than a month if some expected sooner than the middle or latter end of August.

...once more farewell. I talked with Mr. Puret about the consularship at Havana & found him clearly of opinion that Nicholas had better not attempt to enter into business but remain satisfied & secure with the fees.

your most affectionate daughter

C. H. C.
Mrs. Randolph

to the care of N. B. Friest Esq.

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