New York. 29t. May. 48.

We arrived here safe & sound, dearest Virginia, on saturday, but as I was obliged to write for the steamer, it is only now, Monday, that I have time to write to you. Tell Cousin Beverley that his recommendations procured me all sorts of attentions from his friends. Mr Bomford was very civil, Mr Latimer was waiting for me in Baltimore, & having done every thing he could for me himself, introduced a young Irishman, whose name I think is Keough as my escort to Philadelphia. I found him gentlemanly, educated & attentive. He entertained me with very pleasant

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conversation by the way & took excellent care of me & mine. Pray thank Louisa Beverley for her kindness. We reached Philadelphia in a pouring rain but found good rooms & good attendance at the Washington. We passed the evening with Dr & Mrs Dunglison & gave them the first news of their son John, whose letters if he has written, have not reached them. The next morning, bright & cool, saw us early on board the Boat - Dr Dunglison was there before us & his recommendations procured us kindness & protection ~~need ~~ ~~of attention~~ from the officials. I never made a journey with more ease & less trouble. When I spoke to Mr Keough of the attention

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paid to unprotected women travelling in this country, he said it was only to be wished that the ladies would not take these civilities as so entirely their due as to feel exempt from the necessity of returning any sort of thanks for them - that men in America were always willing to do what they could for the sex, but they did feel obliged by the condescension which acknowledged their services. I had heard this remark before. Randolph once cried me in one of his letters if ladies in America never thought it necessary to say "I thank you" for any thing that was done for them - that he had been told this was the case.

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I, of course, took care to pay my
escorts in the only coin that
passes current in such cases, the
gold of civil speeches which were
prompted by grateful feelings.
I found all our friends well in
New York & many ready to go on
with me. I meant to have passed
a day with Anna in Hartford,
but the write, to advise Ellen &
myself to be vaccinated before
leaving N.Y. as the Small pox
is abroad in Hartford & the
adjacent country. This determines
me, sorely against my will, to
take the Tall Rivers route.
My luggage which, as you know,

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left Washington on Thursday,
was only delivered to day an
hour ago, & then not till after
D Meiklejohn had gone after it.
The man who brought it tried
to jew me out of another dollar,
under pretence that I was bound
to pay the cartage to 20th St.
Luckily I had the receipt that
I had taken in Washington. As it
was, after engaging to carry my
trunks for eight dollars they
had made me pay twelve, &
when I exceed this, from sup-
-posing the trunks to be much
larger than they supposed they
had the impudence to try another
extortion which I resisted. I fear

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This Adams Express is a rascally concern. I had rather, however, have paid the twelve dollars twice over, than have worried my kind conductors with the charge of so much luggage. Another time I will trust less to Fanny's discretion.

The children are well. Ellen saying almost every thing. She is a miniature Bellona, a termagant of the first order, & I pity her husband that is to be. But she is as clever & funny as she is shrewish.

The weather here is decidedly cool & I hear that in Boston it is wintry. Ellen is beginning already

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with headach & pale looks.
I wish I had left her to go on
to Edgehill with Jefferson. The
northern climates do not seem to
suit her.

There is a Mr Walter Cox,
an adorer, I believe, of Nellie's,
(who seems to be under Dr M-'s
care & a sort of half boarder
in the house) who dines with us
every day. He is good-looking &
gentlemanly. Ellen Wickham is
much in love with him, calls him
Monkey Cox & overwhelms him with
affection. She shewed him her tooth
which was one outgrown by a succession
of brothers & sisters & was rather
short & shabby & repected the word

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Aunt Loo till he asked
with some impatience if Mrs
Coolidge had made her a present
of that frock.
I hope that Nicholas is with you.
If so give him my best love. I
cannot get over having come away
without seeing him at last. Adieu,
dearest sister, love to Cornelia,
Pat Tip, Jefferson & Browse. Ellen
is down town shopping with Mary.
I passed an hour last evening with
Jane Smith who was complaining
but made herself uncommonly
agreeable. If I had in my head that
I had something to say which I have
omitted - never mind, it will come again
the next time - I spent a delightful five
weeks with you, dear Virginia, & wish
they were to begin again. God bless you.
E. F. L.

I have written in good haste as it is late. Excuse all inconsequencies.

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