

Do not forget  
to send my  
love to  
Mama. Hope  
you have  
written in it

I wish yesterday evening to have seen and was agreeably  
surprised to find Ellen & yourself present. She did not have  
time to come to name & yourself particularly by the way  
of my offering, & I wish you were here now.

After July 29<sup>th</sup> 1827

it is so long since I have written to mama  
or yourself my dear sister that I can scarcely recollect to which of you this  
letter is due, according to my rule of writing alternately to each of you, but I  
believe it was to mama that I addressed my last letter. we went up  
to Monticello Saturday week to get the house in order for Mrs Funglison's  
reception, who as Virginia told you has agreed to spend the vacation  
there instead of Martins where the Dr. & herself meant to have taken  
their child for the benefit of change of air, and were detained by a rainy  
spell which did not clear up sufficiently for us to return till Thursday  
morning. Mrs Funglison arrived Wednesday evening and the next day we  
put her in possession of all the rooms prepared for her accommodation,  
including the public rooms, the two chambers opposite the diningroom, with  
all their appurtenances, closets, cupboards, &c. also the little closet  
at the foot of our staircase & our old "water room" which with the kitchen  
and dairy in addition, comprised as thought as much room and as  
many of the conveniences of the place as she could require, after  
introducing her to all these various places and explaining their advantages,  
Virginia and myself left her on Thursday evening, but Cornelia & Ellen  
remained to take care of Willie who had been declining so visibly and so  
rapidly for the last week that it was a very great relief to our uneasiness  
about him to have such an opportunity of placing him under Dr Jansfords  
superintendance. I do not think the child has ever been healthy since the  
violent attack he had in the winter and for the last four weeks he  
has been labouring under a constant bowel complaint which has  
reduced him to a perfect skeleton. his eyes are hollow and his neck  
shows distinctly every bone and sinew in it, indeed he looks more

in his general appearance, like what I recollect of Aunt Harriet's  
daughter Mary when she first carried her to Monticello, than any child  
I have ever seen since, and one day last week he laid <sup>in bed</sup> throughout the  
day so entirely languid and lifeless and looking so wretchedly that we  
~~are~~ were miserable about him, the next day however he was a little  
better & Dr. Duglison came, and Willie has ever since been improving  
though slowly, under his management; the arrangement we have made  
will secure for him all the advantages <sup>of</sup> that he could receive  
from medical aid, and we shall continue to keep him at Monticello  
under Cornelia's care or mine as long as we think he requires it -  
we have received many pressing <sup>(kind)</sup> invitations from the Dr & Mrs J. to  
stay with them and having our own rooms and <sup>our</sup> servants about us  
enabled us to do so without inconvenience to them and we feel still less  
scrupulous about it because sister Jane will be able to assist them  
often with butter from her dairy & fresh meat & mama's hen yard  
ought to produce some eggs and chickens for their use - I believe  
they will remain at Monticello till the first of September and that  
is about the time that ~~the~~ sister Jane talks of moving over to Edgehill,  
and we propose to take possession of our own old home again which  
will allow us a month to make ourselves comfortable before  
mama returns. Nicholas will go on for her the 1<sup>st</sup> of October I believe -  
Aunt Cary will not get into her house this winter and her present  
plan is to occupy a house of Mr Timberlake's <sup>which he is to lend her</sup> until hers is ready.  
she is determined to leave Receipt. we are not without ~~our~~ fears that  
she may again propose a junction of the two families and brother  
Jeff prophesies that ~~one~~ or more visitations in the course of the  
winter is the least ~~we~~ we may expect, and this was urged as a

A sufficient reason for our remaining here for the present at least, but we hope to avert the evil, if it does really threaten us, by not speaking of our intended return, and we hope Aunt C. will be fixed at Mr Timberlake's before she knows of our intention. one plan that Virginia suggested and which seemed to meet with approbation from the higher authorities, was, <sup>that,</sup> instead of plastering up the stoves all, which were taken down to be cleaned except the one in the appendix we should have them removed & stowed away among the lumber in some of the cellars, and live entirely on the first floor which might be made to accommodate us but would not admit of guests. you know there are three bedrooms (including the sitting room) below stairs and we might use the dining room as a bedroom. & breakfast and dine in the hall and convert the appendix into a store room, unless indeed we preferred making a chamber of it & retaining our old dining room. we all think best that mama should get what furniture we are obliged to have, in Boston, where she can choose it herself. New York would be no doubt a better place to buy furniture because it is cheaper, but then she has no friend there to whom she could apply to make purchases for her, and the things should be bought and sent on immediately. we shall furnish a list of the needful articles when brother Jeff. makes his remittance, which I suppose he will be able to do at once from the interest of the South Carolina appropriation which is already due. the only things I remember at present without which we could not possibly keep house, are chairs, knives and forks & glasses. we have no side table, but a large black walnut one of Mr Nicholas's which Mrs Darghison is using, answers pretty well as a substitute. we have the white and gilt tea china sets and all our plates which was nailed up in a box and brought down here for safe keeping. but of this we will speak fully when we write to mama — The Keys are gone. Mrs Ficy seemed really distressed at parting with her acquaintances in this country and I

days is regarded by many of them. Mr Key is a happy riddance for  
the University and the country - Sally is going into Dr Emmet's service  
when he returns from New York with his bride. I do not know upon what  
grounds she counts upon remaining in the state, for the law forbidding  
it, was expressly explained to her when she had her choice to make  
between freedom and continuing to belong to you, the price given for

Please no more for me - by the way - I have heard that all the  
to say - I'll see you for me & tell me what time in  
I'll just you expect to be confined. Love to Maria Joseph &  
the children. I heard from S. O. he had done extremely well, better  
than usual, in his confidance - I thought he had been at the  
time of the birth was so  
- was I affectionately  
your  
Carr

Mary July 29. 1829.

Mrs Joseph Coolidge jun  
Boston  
Massachusetts



The daughters of  
Monticello.  
and as please I  
them of a visit to  
The they you best to believe.

ner is considered a very good one in these times - I heard to day that  
your old acquaintance Mrs Dr Watson has just presented her husband  
with twin boys after having given him five daughters in succession.  
When you return to Virginia you will find most of your acquaintances  
fixed in comfortable brick houses, such is the present spirit of improvement  
among them. Col. Carr, Mr Garrett & Mr Southall are building pretty good  
big ones and brother Jeff's which is smaller will yet be large enough to  
accommodate all his family, including Mrs M & Margaret with ease & comfort.