

Springfield Aug 11th

My Dear Robert

I received your letter
on yesterday, and hast to say,
how much I regret, that any act
of mine, should have occasioned you
annoyance. You may believe, that
I was surprised to receive a com-
munication from Mrs Broadbent,
written as she said at your Mother's
request, desiring me to visit her, and
to bring her home with me.
I at once suspected, that her motive
was to carry out some plan. Of
course courtesy required me to reply
to Mrs B. The contents of that note
you have seen. I made a mistake
in expressing to her, my views, upon
the subject, of the treatment; I supposed

would have been most beneficial
to your Mother - After hearing all
the facts from you - her position,
and difficulties in your family -
I do not see, that you could have
pursued, any other course.

Mr C Brown called about a week
ago, to show me a letter addressed
to Mr Stuart; requesting him to
go to Batavia, and take me, with
him - The touching appeal, prompt-
ed me to write, and soon, her
if possible. I promised a visit,
when my health permitted, with
such other assurances, as my sympa-
thetic nature, is ever inclined to
indulge - I thought it unnecessary
to ask special permission, supposing
that letters were opened, and with-
held, when objectionable.

The only atonement I can
make for improper interference

if what I have done, is thus
construed - is to assure you, that
in the future, you have nothing
to fear, from my intrusiveness.

Be assured of my heartfelt sympathy;
for truly, your grief is mine
also - It is among my many sorrows,
one, of the most grievous.

Many thanks for your kind invitation
to visit you, and see your
Mother - It is altogether impracticable
owing to full health - and entertain-
ing doubts also, of the expediency.

Present my kind regards to
your wife, and believe me

Ever your affectionate
Aunt Lizzie

