

Springfield 13<sup>th</sup> Aug

My Dear Robert-

I received this morning, for the first time, a letter from your Mother, who writes lovingly, and very urgently upon the subject of her release. I wish she could be persuaded to be calm, and contented for a while longer - if she complained of physical suffering, her detention could be put upon that ground, but she assures me, that her health is perfect, and her mind entirely sane. - She enclosed a note, to be handed to Mrs Boardwell, if here, or otherwise mailed to Chicago. As I do not fully understand the rules of the institution at Batavia, I have concluded to send it to you to deliver, if you see proper.

Youngs Bay 1842

Dear Mother

I have just received your kind letter of the 10th and was glad to hear from you. I am well and hope these few lines will find you the same. I have not much news to write at present. The weather here is very warm and the crops are beginning to grow. I have not yet seen any of the new arrivals from the ship. I have not yet seen any of the new arrivals from the ship. I have not yet seen any of the new arrivals from the ship.



I would prefer that your Mother  
should not see my letters to you  
when in I so freely express myself  
about her mental condition, both  
now, and in the past -

I am unwilling to excite her by inti-  
-mating any thing unpleasant, when  
she seems disposed to be amiable.

In haste

Your aff

Aunt Lizzie

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