Springfield 13th 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 Boadwell, 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.

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

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

In haste

Your aff

Aunt Lizzie