

cannot think of it without a feeling
of awe coming over me. His words are to realize
that it is not visible to me & that
perhaps it has of one as it came without any
dangerous attending it but certainly present
sing to the thinking another, and having
the of loss and power of our God while the
stars that may be seen or regular as the
sun moves from our sight or the
moon that appears at the appointed season
and may be looked upon by the admiring
creature with feelings of wondering curiously
there is some change in the appearance of
unusual bodies that must move the mind
with awful yet pleasure. Pleasing thoughts
to know and feel that hand shall fashion
these universe are placed around us objects
that cannot fail to turn the mind from
them unto their maker has yet the
will as well as power to add unto those
already displayed and lest the being he
made should cease to admire perhaps
to let his of his creation Margot
concerning or such a theme without
perceivably being aware of its ignorance
excuse the imperfections and attribute it
not to the want of ideas but for the
want of words to express what is felt
but the high of day give me forewarning
and remeber my last wish for you
would be that eternal happiness may
stop a young person above that we may never

be reality? or am I mistaken Margaret visit Bucks Co yes it
is even so that is her intentions nothing preventing I need
hardly inform you that was read aloud and as I think you
would like to know in what manner that intelligence was
received I will inform you Aunt Lizzy stood one minute
and then exclaimed "will not that be a treat" and since that
time not a ^{day} has passed but some arrangement has been
talked of to render the anticipated visitors pleased with
their visit, but dear coz short as the time may seem how
many changes may occur take place; how many incidents
may transpire before that time to prevent your coming
yet we will hope! what thoughts that word can conjure up for
one that dare not look into the future as here; and
after doubtfull of hereafter as regards my being happy, the
thought often occurs that I shall never see you and
yet it is not an impossibility the visit so I shall talk
with the rest of the pleasure expected until the expecta-

Wednesday 16 of ^{July} ~~August~~ ¹⁸³⁸ ~~1837~~ ¹⁸³⁸
Dear Lizzy have much to write and little
time left and sentiments unexpressed without

you I will thank more

you will tell you that I that

I will tell you that I that

such appearances are few and those we are accustomed

now to

realized up that may be) with the assurance that let come what-
ever painful, it is for the best - I must not forget to tell
you the route First to N.Brunswick by steamboat is decidedly best then ^{direct}
Boundbrook which is six miles and six miles farther to Somerville
if your time will permit, that night, from there inquire the road to Everett town some twenty miles or so you can easily gain
that information be not discouraged you are not here yet
from there proceed to Millford or Bowery town both one and
the same inquire the road before starting however a very
necessary precaution I may add, as you are all such young
and giddy travelers (and I so well experienced) the
last mentioned place I should have told you is on
the Delaware river after crossing which please inquire for
Nick Bucks Tavern and there you can obtain the direct
road to old Sands, dear to this side of the river is not
very smooth road one part of which is called feather bed
lance it is very near us so do not look for it to soon and the logs my foot slipped in it went the other one resting on
if you should chance to observe a few huts the inmates
peeping between the logs having the complexion of Indians was, one foot very wet the other not much so say the remainder
you may know that you are near your destination but
Uncle says he can give you better encouragement which is
when he came out in the waggon he breakfasted at Bound-
brook left ^{that} seven o'clock ^{AM} and riding some fifteen miles out of
the way reached here about five PM and now I think if you
do not come strait as possible it will not be my fault, it
is Aunt E's wish, may request, that you will write a few
days previous to starting so ^{she} will know the exact time to
wash for you she also wishes you if convenient to be

here when we may expect moonlights evenings. Uncle thinks
nothing preventing he will meet you on the roads perhaps
when before you reach Bucks. Aunt would like Aunt S to bring
a few numbers of the Ladies Book when she expects to read &
know not, she has already dreamed you were here and after pre-
paring a meal for you the coffee was sipped evidently with
much displeasure and the visitor retired without tasting ~~the~~
any other food but according to your song "dreams always go by
contraries". Dear M I have so much to tell you I scarcely know
what comes next. I have been out visiting this after and being
very much engaged with talking (not scandalizing) it was night
before I started for home the young girl I was visiting came part
the way though the woods with me "the lights of the
snow gave the appearance of mid day to objects below" and when
I was making up my mind that it would be extremely
^{foggy} afraid I came to the creek and walking rather fast over
part of a tree lying in the edge of the water, the consequence
of my walk being though field and meadow was very pleasant
arriving at home my stockings were laid under the stove and
now I think of it I am sitting barefooted would you think
me capable of such silliness well I have this consolation nothing
but writing could have made me so careless... We have seen
^{an} unusual light in the sky the last week resembling the
light from a comet without the star I saw it but once
as it commenced in the extreme west of the horizon the star
^{now} might have been below our sight and cannot describe it

with them a hearty, laugh My love to all dear friends particular
to Sarah & Henry except my best wishes for ~~the~~ yourself

Farewell

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Remember

me Your friend
Eliza

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To see dear Mr it is my intention to teach school this summer to commence in April
how it suit me I cannot say, it seem a great undertaken still I think
I can get along it has been long thought of by me but now it is a settled
point - I am to have one week holidays when you come out - I think you
have chosen the best ^{time} of year for your jount - true you cannot enjoy the
fruits and vegetables that a later season would afford yet to me the beauties
of the spring would compensate for them - As regards Mr Lashley I was so
surprised that I spoke of it to Aunt not knowing it was in confidence -
related to me but when I received your last letter I said no more about
him - Give my love to your Father and tell him that I narrated
the affairs of the Malardes candy evening to our family and enjoyed