

Newark March 10 1841

Dear Margaret

After having bin absent from you two weeks with
seems a long time to be separated from one with whom
I fondly love; Margaret how many times have I thought
of you since I left your Cottage; I will tell you how
I was received home I suppose you feel anxious to hear
as I anticipated a scolding it was about 6 O'clock when
stept in the parlor the yacht was under great sail
there was Miss Mary Hayden & Miss Fanny Hayden Ally &
Anne they seem to be enjoying them ^{very} well; Mother
had bin very sick for two or three days but was getting
quite comfortable; they all seemed to be very glad to see
me; I did not take tea with the men as I expected
to this fore I did not see Mr ¹¹¹¹ Nichols untill about
11 O'clock in the evening they seem much pleased to see me
but I suppose would have bin more so to have seen you with
me but that could not be we was to be separated;
he says if I had have stayed untill Saturday he would
have come down to Newark; but I think that is a very
good excuse know I have got home safe & know thanks
to him; he says he did not think of our going
on Saturday he seemed quite disappointed to think he could
not go to Mrs Wainright's a Saturday evening with us
whispering
whispering

I will know tell you the good news the long expected
stranger has arrived at last Sister Abby has got a fine
little daughter it was born last evening about 10 o'clock we had
Doctor Nichols in stead of Doctor Rankin's I was in the room
untill about a half a our before the child was born &
I thought to my self I never would never get married if I
should get a chance I looked at ^{my} dear sister & to see what she
had to suffer & it caused tears to flow Margaret if you should
stand by a sister in that trying our it cause you to weep
I am rejoiced to think it is over I have dreaded the one to come
all most as much as ~~it~~ has she is very comfortable & is doing
well I am in hope by the first of April she will be able to move
Eliza is almost over come ^{with} her sister she says she is going to take her
sister when she goes to house keeping she feels very happy & talks about
her sister all the time; I commenced my trade a week ago last
Monday I like it very much there is 12 girls in the shop we
have quite a large company when we all get together I chat by
steps in once in awhile & talkes to us; Margaret excuse my bad
writing I mistakes for Sam in a hurry; Mrs Wainright has caught
Mr Nichols I phila pean & I have caught Mr Scudder I
was standing in the door to Mrs W when he come up on the
stoop I caught him; I am in hope the present will come soon
let me know when you get yours & give my love to your Father &
Brothers & May tell her to be good till I come again Margaret
I want to see you very much indeed Margaret how I wish you lived

in Newark how often I would visit you I think if you
were here I should be happy; Give my love to My Brother & there
family's three more weeks & I shall leave my home; Margaret
I mean my Mother's home; I dare say I shall have a home with
Abby but I don't expect it will be like my Mother's house but I
am in hope I shall be contented; I will write as soon as you get this don't
let it be more than one day before you write I feel as if I
wanted to hear from you very much indeed if you know
what pleasure it afforded me in receiving a letter from a friend
you would write oftener to Eliza Bonnet I shall expect
a letter this week don't disappoint me; Mrs W seemed
very much pleased with her presents & sit here by the
fire awaiting all alone Mother has done to bed; Jane stands
by the stove holding a saucepan over the fire & making some
kind of stuff for Abby; Mr Nichols has just come in he
sits by the stove warming his feet it is about 11 o'clock
I think it is about time for me to retire; Give me a full
letter I have a great deal more to say but it is late &
I shall have to bid you good night Friend Margaret
the snow is falling fast it may be Eliza M Bonnet
you will get a letter; the report is that Margaret & Sarah
you are to be married to Mr Nichols; Give Mr Nichols his
handkerchief he seems very much pleased; you will please tell
my Brother Stephen of the arrival of the young daughter
give my love to all my friends & keep a good share your self



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