

21 DECEMBER 1844

Rachel Whaley to Thomas Whaley  
(Bruce's letter)

Bruce Whaley letter -  
Rachel to Thomas.

1<sup>st</sup> letter

Dec 21, 1844

Dear Son Dec 21. # my seventh letter came on the 21st by the packet  
that left this Son on the 16th - But though I am obliged to consider the importance of the case  
after some time, the Consular Council concluded he would take the responsibility on himself.  
as the sum was small the Consular letter was of great moment - with him as you observed  
in your letter, our laws are more strictly I think than elsewhere - at first that he would not  
pay the money until your return, I would have sent you a bill for a small amount had I  
known that we would not get yours in time; on account of clouds, not that you are the  
blame in any respect, and I am certain that, one as I am, I have done all we could, I wish to  
draw as attention to you with respect to writing to me, I do not know what you would have done  
had I have forgotten you, I often remind him of your assiduity to finish your three  
translations they think I write to frequent, that my pleasure I say; and all the paper I take  
to see you return, and treat me with the same respect of a son, if not I shall soon remember you  
I suppose says he will charge I do for his trouble as he has more than thought you was  
in America I will try to get it for you if possible I have to go to Philadelphia tomorrow with him  
I wish you was here I will send you word by the steamer if necessary you know it now they  
have filed a bill to sell the 7th of Nov - now we must show cause why it must not be sold  
I heartily wish it had been given to you when I was in and I wish you were to meet me on your  
departure so it is so we must abide by the consequences I will tell you what is said to me  
now. I am tolerably comfortable in my present place I have a very unpleasant air around me  
ing is now disagreeable at best, I have the upper of one of the houses in 21st St until May, 1839  
Henry came home on the 12th of Nov and we moved about the 25 I am pleased to be at home again  
I thought of you as I was in the kitchen making the copies for breakfast as I often do I think  
you will love your home better than ever if I do love with you to return to it Edward Cooper has  
had a narrow escape from his life he was in Paris but a few days went to Italy and sailed  
from Leghorn him and the Teacher was the only passengers the cargo was silk and shawls all the  
saw was the cloth they wore the vessel sunk soon after they left it I will send the paper that  
Henry to do as I am so extremely busy. I would not be willing to let you return at this  
season I wonder that his parents did, I was happy you were not with them I intend to call  
on Mr Cooper and congratulate him, tho' we are distant apart I hope you are thinking of returning  
home write if you have found any disposed to travel with you ask the Consul he may  
introduce you to one of whom he is well acquainted there is not the least impossibility in doing  
and word how you progress in your studies dancing Italian I hope you do as I say with your  
head, I am certain by very anxious concerning you. Charlotte says Edward was heartily all the time  
he was absent she sends her best wishes to you I have been out very little since my move in  
the City I much miss her and her one half of boarders with me waiting company. I understand  
received one by the state from citizens of B. I understand was much pleased with his letter to Charles I know  
as he has been to see us I expect he would be offended I know of no reasons Mr Porter  
thinks he is coming to see me I wish Henry to call on him and show him all the  
but he is so much away I wish he was of a gentleman, he will do as he pleases I hope to  
answer his purpose I like gentle deportment of it is of the first importance to youth I am  
glad to know how you will do with your money when travelling I do not approve of using  
it for anything but a moderate pocket money in the pocket I am fearful something  
will happen to you instead of being a great success you will be a failure and  
to you you will be a failure and I will be a failure and I will be a failure

of I should like to see you on the receipt of this letter, I hope you will not find it as difficult to  
read mine as I do to read yours, most especially when they are interlined with red ink I have  
ordered a pair of gold specks to fasten your letters with Sister reads them with great facility but  
you know I always wish to help myself, I expect you organic speaking the English in the  
the disappointment of you not receiving a letter by the steamer I had a letter written and had  
mind to send it again I said it will be extra expense so I am, we shall have joined  
from the like as when you and her we will save some for you if you have a worthy of the trouble  
Present our Egyptian salutations to all our friends in France and to yourself likewise wishing  
all the comfort and peace we that Yvonia and Agnes can impart. I hope you will make  
it a matter of mature deliberation the best way to spend your money intelligently and wisely  
is of the least consequence comforts are desirable not extravagances for learning and life  
wise clothes to look neat all this you know as well as that it may be some time before you see  
as many hundreds together again I hope you have bought your cloak I will pay for it and  
for your dancing the 1/2 of 100 cloths in the Statesman 6 months at 1/2 a per week but you  
must include the 1/2 of 100 I have given you already to say I would give you 1/2 per week for 1/2 weeks  
would be more than I can spare at present I am willing to help you all I can and will  
We all have our wants and who is the banker I wish I was able to do all you say, you know  
must keep my servant so that I may be ready when you come from on you will have  
to assist me and it would not do for sister attend if you cannot, Flen says he must go  
well I tell him to have patience until your return, I have not completed my coat for winter  
as I was late in make my purchase I wish I could be in Paris just time to select a  
handsome shawl from 20 to 25 or 30 if I had only got a common coat for comfort but a  
beautiful blue for 11 shillings price of 15 soon I shall get my shawl as you are both wanting  
my cloak too, Sister is making our Delain dress she has only purchased head dress for  
Agnes but wishes to do so, I bought one of 10 accus Paris Stairs of 10 as the front room  
to the north a grate was not advancing to the room as I wish Sister to Matthe  
I am sorry to say she has lost her music for the want of practice while we were  
at Newark I am really sorry. Henry will return home soon, the Potomac is frozen up  
which prevents John from sending some letter or he says he would not remain as long  
as he has Henry says John has told his wife I married since I cannot account for  
not being informed of this He said he did not know the particulars I should not wonder  
John has many bills to pay for her yet, as this I cannot help possibly they have had some dispute  
all our friends and acquaintances are in the same position as usual It has been to Palmer's &  
things he is not in then says the clerk of Astor house told him could not board there any  
more I hope he is not getting poor he has lost his office I will inquire for letters of the firm  
you speak of. I hope you are more commodiously accommodated with your room write if  
Mr. D has left and if Alcott is in Paris and if you have formed any new acquaintances - Sister com  
plains of a sore throat I must not let her get sick Henry has gone to church too Sunday evening  
the bell rings for fire just eight o'clock what next - I have been obliged to replace my Crockery  
Agnes John which cost me 1/2 of 100 he did tell Flen that I had given it to him He left his house 1/2 of 100  
and John did not believe I do not like such ways I have not said a word of it to him I am quite  
to sleep so good night until tomorrow Dec - 29<sup>th</sup> I have the pleasure to inform that we are to  
your money before you go so full that the steamer would sail again before we did  
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as I am apprised that your finances must be very low the Lawyer Charge \$50.00  
 facilitated with him considerable to no purpose he said his trouble was double  
 little avail to contend with limbs of law it reduces you sum to \$76.00 and some cents to  
 look with how you spend the ground covered with snow which will make the travelling  
 very unpleasant on this course we may have more snow it has the appearance well I am  
 when I told him about the lawsuit he said he thought there was no light to give  
 those and he thought Uncle had no right to take the Mortgage if he had any funds  
 in his hands but said he I will look over the will and see what is left off the law suit of  
 the house, and said that I must have been imposed upon I said I left the whole of the  
 business to my Uncle as I was perfectly ignorant of the facts of a case he told me  
 he would inform me when to come again. I do not think Glen appears to be much  
 interested about the concern, I guess he would want his share if we have our rights  
 I hope justice will take place I have not seen Mr. Harvel or will I see him first of Feb. Ben  
 will return home in a week or so, I have begged him to go to Legos for your letters  
 for my part I do not know how he spends his time unless it is at things if he thinks  
 proper to do as I request he will, I think in some respects I would be as well without  
 him I am sorry to say it - he says you will not be much improved I tell him  
 I believe you will so you see we talk of you as you may imagine let not this dismay  
 you as I will rely on your promises to me I hope to have a letter from you soon  
 Sister has baked her cake and it looks fine and the Blanche meringue turned out fine I hope  
 you might enjoy your self if you was here by our own parlor stove, I hope your Harriet  
 a letter full of news, has Anson written to you you must not neglect the writing Glen has gone up  
 to 27<sup>th</sup> to Church to see Charlotte I hope will answer all my questions I will make inquiry among  
 our acquaintances in a few days I have been very busy Sister had to make without her usual  
 silk still she must have it some I have made up my mind to buy the Hyacinths to  
 tomorrow as I have promised Sister writes she is tired I have not heard or seen any thing of Mr  
 Parsons or Mr. Rice I have not seen any sign of Harris since he was up to Newark if he has  
 any reason for coming to pay his respects to us well and good I know of none this Sunday Eve and  
 I am writing to you wondering how you are spending your precious time the time is fast  
 approaching for you to return home write and inform me what you intend doing  
 I am quite at a loss how to do with your money I have thought how it would be to buy  
 bills to the amount of your sum and send them on occasionally at once \$2  
 must send you \$200 - go for checks let the bill lay until 1 March as I think best to  
 have them drawn I must after Ben buys them then you will have your money  
 by the first of March as you wish put your money in the bank when you get to  
 Paris Sister tells the people that she will have a party when you return, you will  
 know how tickle you are I wish you had some to enable to pick you plans in  
 execution you will see I think you had better ask the Consul to give letters  
 of introduction I think it will be a good plan tell him that his letter had a very  
 good effect as the sum was small as he may know what to do another time  
 by those in Paris I am all pretty well I cannot get Ben to see Mr. Whitely  
 he says he is in an office in the city that he can only on an evening I am fearful that  
 I wonder you did not tell me he was in the city I am sure of it

Dear Henry is to by your bill of exchange to pay to send to the Stamer I wish to hear  
 from you very much I will get you a bill of 100 and you must write to the Stamer how I  
 am doing with the remaining part of your money I did not think it proper to send  
 it all at one time, I am all confusion to day and no one to assist as you did last time  
 I had the full bill my promise to Father-in-law may come present here with a brief per  
 and parcel for all news. He saw the lawyer yesterday he had not sent in the answer  
 to the suit for the 1st of Nov. I have to go to see him, I will inform you as it goes  
 He will join in wishing you a happy Christmas and year may conceive to your  
 self that you are as pretty much as used to happy and wealthy as we make ourse  
 I hope I have written all you wish to be informed of as you know what to do so.

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Bruce's letter

Alminae - Prophétique  
Thomas to  
Leopold - during writing  
Nov. 11, '84

Monsieur Thomas Whaley  
Chez Dravaud Desneufbourg  
Rue St. Martin 51  
Paris

New Steamer  
Lorraine

① (1844) my son's letter sent me on the 24<sup>th</sup> by the Packet  
Dear son Dec 21.<sup>st</sup> You will no doubt be extremely  
disappoint on the arrival of the steamer that left  
this Port on the 16<sup>th</sup> of Dec. though you ought to consider  
the importance of the case after some time; the  
Chasseblon concluded he would take the  
responsibility on himself as the sum was small  
the Consul letter was of great moment with him  
as you observed in your letter our laws are very  
strict; I felt very fearful at first that he would  
not pay the money untill you return, I would have  
sent you a bill for a small sum had I have  
known that we would not get yours in time;  
on account of Mouns. not that you are to blame  
in any respect, and I am certain that me and Hen  
has done all we could. I wish he was as attentive to  
you with respect to writing to you. I do not know  
what you would have done had I have forgotten  
you, I often remind him of your <sup>assiduity</sup> ~~assiduity~~ to  
perform for them all to no purpose they think I  
write to frequent, that my pleasure I say; and all  
the pay I ask is to see you return, and treat me  
with the kindness of a son, if not I shall ever  
remember you L. Loizere says he will charge  
\$20 for his trouble as he has had much more  
than though you was in America I will  
try to get it for less if possible I have  
to go to Whiteings tomorrow with Henry I  
wish you was here, I will send you word  
by steamer if necessary you know it may.



(2)  
May

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be, They have Filed a bill to Sell the 4<sup>th</sup> Lot  
now we must show cause why it must  
not be sold I heartily wish it had have  
went on, when Whiteing and Whitson were to  
meet previous to your departure so it is and  
we must abide by the consequences I will  
tell you what is said tomorrow. I am tolerably  
comfortable in my recent move I had a very  
unpleasant time, as moving is very disagree-  
able at best, I have the upper of one of the  
houses in 21<sup>st</sup> St untill May, No. 19 Henry  
came home on the 12 of Nov and we moved  
about the 25 I am pleased to be at home  
again I thought of you as I was in the  
Kitchen baking the cakes for breakfast as  
I often do I think you will love your home  
better than ever if God permits you to return  
to it, Edward Cooper has had a narrow  
escape for his life He was in Paris but  
a few days went to Italy and sailed from  
Leghorn him and the Teacher was the only  
passengers The Cargo was Silk and Marble  
all they saved was the cloths they wore  
the vessel sunk soon after they left it I  
will send the paper I told Henry to do so  
as I am so extremely busy. I would

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(would)

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not be willing to let you return at this season, I wonder that his Parents did, I was happy you was not with them I intend to call Mrs Cooper and Congratulate her, I hope we are distant apart I hope you are thinking of returning home write if you have found any disposed to travel with you ask the consul he may introduce you to one of whom he is well acquainted there is not the least impropriety in doing so send word how you progress in your studies dancing Italian I hope you do as I say with your head, I am certainly very uneasy concerning you. Charlotte says Edward was healthy all the time he was absent she sends her best wishes to you I have been out very little since my move in the City I met Miss Devereux they are full of boarders quite well waiting for your letter she received one by the state from Mouns] Bushnell was much pleased with his letter to Charles I know as he has not been to see us I expect he must be offended, I know of no reason, Mr Portersaid At in the st says he is coming to see me

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(all m)

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I wished Henry to call on him and Bushnell  
and Anson but he is so backward, I wish he  
was more of a gentleman, he will do as he  
pleases I hope it answer his purpose  
I like genteel deportment it is of the first  
importance to youth, I am at a loss  
to know how you will do with your money  
when traveling I do not approve of using  
it for buttons have a under jacket made  
with a pocket in it I am fearful something  
will happen to you I thought of keeping  
part untill you was in London then on  
to you, you must write if you think it  
will be best to do so (Pg 2) I should  
like to see you on the receipt of this letter, I  
hope you will not find it as difficult  
to read mine as I do to read yours, most  
especially when they are interlined with  
red ink I have ordered a pair of gold  
specks to read your letters with Sister  
reads them with great facility but you  
know I always wish to help myself, I  
expect you are anticipating the N. year  
unless the disappointment of you not  
receiving a letter by the steamer I had  
a letter written and had mind to send  
it again I said it will be extra expence  
so gave it up, we shall have for N. Year

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the like as when you was here we will  
save some for you if you prove worthy  
of the trouble Present our 9 year salutations  
to all our Friends in France and to Yourself  
likewise wishing all the comfort and pleasure  
that France and 9 Year can impart. I hope  
you will make it a matter of mature delibera-  
tion the best way to spend your money  
eating and drinking is of the least  
consequence comforts are desirable not  
extravagances for learning and likewise  
cloths to look neat all this you know as  
well as that it may be sometimes ere you  
see as many hundred together again  
I hope you bought your cloak I will  
pay for it and for your dancing the  
\$40 for cloths in the statement 6 <sup>board</sup> months  
at \$2 per week but you must include  
the \$50 I have given you already to say  
I would give you \$.3 per week for 75 weeks  
would be more than I can spare at present  
I am willing to help you all I can and  
will We all have our wants and who is the  
Banker I wish I was able to do all you say,  
you know I must keep my servant so  
that I may be lady when you come home  
or you will have to assist me and it

(6) And it! 7<sup>th</sup> letter Dec. 21 1844  
would not do for sister attend if you cannot,  
then say he must go well I tell him to  
have patience untill your return, I have  
not completed my coat for winter as I was  
late in make my purchase I wish I could  
be in Paris just time to select a handsome  
shawl from 20 to 25 or 30<sup>th</sup> I have only got  
a common coat for comfort but a beautiful  
blue fox muff price \$15 soon I shall get my  
shawl as you are both wearing my cloak tis  
tight, Sister is making our Delain dresses she  
has not purchased her dress for N gear but  
wishes to do so, I bought one of Baccus Parlour  
store \$16 as the front room to the North a  
grate was not warming to the room as I  
wish Sister to Practice I am sorry to say  
she has lost her music for the want of  
practice while we were at Newark I am  
really vexed. Henry will return home soon,  
the Potomac is frozen up which prevents John  
from sending some trifle as he says he would  
remain as long as he has Henry says  
John has lost his wife 2 months since I  
cannot account for not being informed  
Ere this H. said he did not know the  
particulars I should not wonder if  
John has many bills to pay for her yet,  
all this I cannot help possibly they have

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① had some dispute all our Friends and acquaintances are in the same position as usual It has been to Palmers 8 times he is not is he says the clerk of Astor House told him I did not board there any more I hope he is not getting poor he retains his office I will inquire for letters of the persons you speak of. I hope you are more commodiously accommodated with your room write if Mr D has left and if Mrs M is in Paris and if you have formed any new acquaintances— Sister complains of a sore throat I must not let her get sick, Henry has gone to church tis Sunday eve now the bell rings for five, just eight O'clock what next.— I have been obliged to replace my Grocery I gave John which cost me \$3. he did tell that I had given it to him It left his house 1<sup>st</sup> of last Jan<sup>-4</sup> and John did not tell me I do not like such ways I have not said a word of it to him I am quite sleepy so good night until Morn. Dec<sup>r</sup> 29<sup>th</sup> I have the pleasure to inform that we are to receive your Money to-morrow I was fearful that the steamer would sail again before we did receive it I was resolved to write and send some cash (Pg 3) as I am apprised

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approved

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that your finances must be very low the Lawyer Charge is \$20 I expostulated with him considerable to no purpose he said his trouble was double little soil to contend with limbs of law it reduces you sum to \$260 and some cents To look well how you spend <sup>it</sup> the ground covered with snow which will make the walking very unpleasant on 21. years day we may have more snow it has the appearance Well I and # went to Whiting's his clerk who was to answer Thier questioned with respect to the sale of the lot I told him about the lawsuit, he said he thought they <sup>had</sup> no right to fore close and he thought Uncle had no right to take the Mortgage if he had any funds in his hands, but said he I will look over the will, and ask Mr Whiting off the lawsuit of 4<sup>th</sup> house, and said that I must have been imposed upon I said I left the whole of the business to my uncle as I was perfectly ignorant of the duty of a Ex<sup>r</sup> he told me he would inform me when to come again. I do not think Hen appears to be much interested about the concern, I guess he would want his share if we have our rights I hope justice will take place, I have not seen Mr Basel will I untill first of Feb Hen will return home

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in a week or so, I have begged him to  
go to Segones for your letters for my part  
I do not know how he spends his time  
unless it is at things if he thinks proper  
to do so I request he will, I think in some  
respects I would be as well without him  
I am sorry to say it— he says you  
will not be much improved, I tell  
him I believe you will, so you see we  
talk of you as you may imagine let  
not this dismay you a I will rely on  
your promise, to me I hope to have a  
letter from you soon. Sister has iced  
her cake and it looks fine and the blanche  
mange turned out first rate You  
might enjoy yourself if you was  
here by our new parlor stove, I hope  
you have written a letter full of news, has  
Anson written to you You must not do all  
the writing, Hen has gone up to 27<sup>th</sup> to  
Church to see Charlotte, I hope will answer  
all my questions I will make inquiry  
among our acquaintances in a few days  
I have been very busy Sister had to  
make without her new ink still she must  
have it soon I have made up my mind  
to buy the Gerardine to-morrow as I have  
promised Sister until she is tired, I have



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Not hired or seen any thing of Mrs  
Parsons or Mr Rice. Not seen any sign  
of Harris since he was up to Newark if he  
has any reason for <sup>not</sup> coming to pay his respects to  
to us well as I good I know if none this  
Sunday Eve and I am writing to you  
wondering how you are spending your  
precious time the time is fast approaching  
for you to return home write and inform  
me what you intend doing I am quite  
at a loss how to do with your money I  
I have thought how it would be to buy  
bills to the amount of your sum and send  
them on occasionally at all events. I must  
send you \$200 - go for Mons let the bill lay  
untill 2 months as I think best to have them  
drawn 2 months after then buy them then you  
will have your money by the first of March  
as you wish put your money in the bank  
when you get it in Paris Sister tells the  
people that she will have a party when  
you return, you will know how rich you  
are I wish you had more to enable to put  
your plans in execution you will see I  
think you had better ask the Consul to  
give letters of introduction I think it  
will be a good plan tell him that his letter had  
a very good effect as the sum was  
small as he may know what another time  
is there in Paris yet, we are all pretty well

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I cannot get time to see Mr Whitney  
he says he is in a office in the City Hall open  
only on an evening I am fearful this too? I  
wonder, you did not tell me he intended to  
move if you knew it (pg 4) Dec 31 Henry is  
to by your bill of Exchange today to send by the  
Steamer I wish to hear from you very  
much I will get you a bill \$160 and you  
must write by steam how I must proceed  
with the remaining part of your money I  
did not think proper to send it all  
at one time, I am all Confusion today  
and no one to assi as you did last  
time I had to fulfill my promise to Sister  
yesterday and present her with a breastpin  
and bracelet for N. year. I saw the Lawyer  
yester he had not sent in the answer  
to Swans for the Co<sup>t</sup> of John Pyl I have to go see  
him, I will inform you as it goes <sup>on</sup> We all  
join in wishing you a happ N. year and you  
conceive to your self that you see us pretty  
much as usual happy or unhappy as we  
make <sup>lives</sup> ourse. I hope I have written all you  
wish to be informed of as you know I wish  
to do so (turn page up side down) Sister will  
write in my next answer this soon as  
possible I hope you are conducting  
prudently as you wrote me you was do  
try to learn all you as you will require  
all your knowledge when you return I

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Returned

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cannot tell you how to take best care of  
your money you will pay Mons when the  
bill is due your cash is less than I expected  
and then the expences is double to Hens your  
travel will cost you something I will help  
you all I can but I must have improvement  
for pay I have written what I can do for  
you in my last I feel much for you and  
know you must be very unhappy about  
your Remittance but you said you could borrow  
from Drouard rather unpleasant I wish  
you not to think it unkindness in Hen  
for not writing as he is all business tho'  
now I must commend you to the Lords protec-  
tion and hope you are deserving as your  
position will permit and Receive this  
from your Mother R.W. Haley good buy  
(2<sup>nd</sup> pg upside down) I hope you mark  
all your clothing air your cloths  
after washing.

New York, Dec. 21, 1844

(Rachel Whaley to Thomas Whaley)

Addressed: Monsieur Thomas Whaley  
Chez Drouard Desneufbourgs,  
Rue St. Martin 51  
A Paris

Per steamer

(1844) My seventh letter sent one on the 24th by the Packet )

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in the Statement 6 months board at 12 per week but you must include  
the 50 I have given you already to say I would give you 33 per

week for 75 weeks would be more than I can spare at present I am willing to help you all I can and will. We all have our wants and who is the Banker I wish I was able to do all You say, You know I must keep my servant so that I may be lady when you come home or you will have to assist me and it would not do for Sister attend if you cannot, Hen says he must go well I tell him to have patience untill your Return, I have not completed my Coat for winter as I was late in make my purchase I wish I could be in Paris just time to select a handsome shawl from \$20 to \$25 or 30\$ I have only got a common coat for comfort but a beautiful blue Fox Muff price \$15 soon I shall get my shawl as you are both wearing my cloak tis right, Sister is making our Delain dresses she has not purchased her dress for N Year but wishes to do so, I bought one of Baccus Parlour Stove \$16 as the front room to the North a grate was not warming to the room as I wish Sister to practice. I am sorry to say she has lost her Music for the want of practice while we were at Newark I am really vexed. Henry will return home soon, the Patomac is frozen up which prevents John from sending some Kettle or he says he would remain as long as he has Henry says John has lost his wife 2 months since I cannot account for not being informed Ere this H. said he did not know the particulars I should not wonder if John has many bills to pay for her yet, all this I cannot help possibly they have had some dispute all our Friends and acquaintances are in the same position as usual H has been to Palmers 8 times he is not is hen says the clerk of Astor house told him P did not board there any more I hope he is not getting poor he retains his office I will enquire for letters of the persons you speak of. I hope you are more commodiously accomodated with your room write if Mr D has left and if Mr. N is in Paris and if you have formed any new acquaintances--. Sister complains of a

sore throat I must not let her get sick) Henny has gone to church  
this Sunday are now the bell rings for fire, just eight o'clock  
what next.--I have been obliged to replace my crockery I gave  
John which cost me \$8 .he did tell H that I had given it to him  
H left his house 1<sup>st</sup> of last year<sup>-3</sup> and John did not tell me I do  
not like such ways I have not said a word of it to him I am quite  
sleepy so good night untill Morn. Dec. 29<sup>th</sup> T I have the pleasure  
to inform that we are to re- your money tomorrow I was fearful  
that the Steamer would sail again before we did receive it I was  
resolved to write and send some cash as I am apprised that your  
finances must be very low the Lawyer Charge is \$20 I expostulated  
with him considerable to no purpose he said his trouble was dou-  
ble little avail to contend with limbs of law It reduces your Sum  
to \$ 260 and some cents To look well how you spend it) the ground  
covered with snow which will make the waulking Very unpleasant on  
a years day we may have more snow it has the appearance Well I and  
H went to Atterings his clerk who was to answer thier questioned  
with respect to the sale of the lot I told him about the lawsuit,  
he said he thought they<sup>Had</sup>/no right to fore close and he thought  
Uncle had no right to take the Mortgage if he had any funds in  
his hands, but said he I will look over the will and ask Mr White-  
ing off the lawsuit of 45<sup>th</sup> house, and said that I must have been  
imposed upon I said I left the whole of the business to my uncle as  
I was perfectly ignorant of the duty of a Ex<sup>in</sup> he told me he would  
inform me when to come again. I do not think Hen appears to be  
much interested about the Concern, I guess he would want his share  
if we have our rights I hope justice will take place, I have not  
seen Mr. Marsel will I untill first of Feb Hen will return home  
in a week or so, I have begged him to go to Segoues for your letters  
for my part I do not know how he spends his time unless it is at



Kings if he thinks proper to do so I request he will, I think in some respects I would be as well without him I am sorry to say it--he says you will not be much improved, I tell him I believe you will, so you see we taulk of you as you may imagine let not this dismay you a I will rely on your promise, to me I hope to have a letter from you soon. T -Sister has iced her cake and it looks fine and the blanche mange turned out first rate You might enjoy yourself if you was here by our new parlor stove, I hope you have written a letter full of news, has Anson written to you You must not do, all the writeing, Hen has gone up to 273t to Church to see Charlotte, I hope will answer all my questions I will make inquiry among our acquaintances in a few days I have been very busy Sister had to make without her new silk still she must have it soon I have made up my mind to buy the Giranicles to morrow as I have promised Sister untill she is tired, I have not hered or seen anything of Mr. Parsons or Mr. Rice, Was not seen any sign of Harris since he was up to New-ark if he has any reason for coming to pay his respects to us well and good I know of none tis Sunday Eve and I am writeing to you wondering how you are spending your precious time the time is fast approaching for you to return home write and inform me what you intend doing I am quite at a loss how to do with you money I have thought how it would be to buy bills to the amount of your sum and send them on occasionally at all events I must send you \$200 - go for Mons let the bill lay untill 2 months as I think best to have them drawn 2 months after Hen buys them then you will have your money by the first of March as you wish put your Money in the bank when you get it in Paris Sister tells that people that she will have a party when you return, You will know how Rich you are I wish you had

more to enable to put you plans in execution you will see I think You had better ask the Consul to gives letters of introduction I think it will be a good plan tell him that his letter had a very good effect as the sum was small as he may know what another time is Mons in Paris Yet) we are all pretty well I cannot get Ken to See Mr Whiteny he says he is in a office in the City Hall open only on an evening I am fearful tis lo (so) I wonder, you did not tell me he intended to move if you knew it Dec. 31 Henry is to by your bill of Exchang today to send by the Stoamer I wish to hear from you very much I will get you a bill \$160 and you must write by Steam how I must proceed with the rem-  
mony  
aining part of your money I did not think propr to send it all at one time, I am all Confusion today and no one to assi as you did last time I had to fullfill my promise to Sister yesterday and present her with a breastpin and bracelet for N Year. H saw the Lawyer yester he had not sent in the answer to Swans for the Es  
on  
of John Pye I have to go see him, I will inform you as it goes We all join in wishing you a happ N Year and you concive to Your self that you see us pritty much as useal happy or unhappy as we  
lives.  
make ourse I hope I have written all you wish to be informed of as you know I wish to do so Sister will write in my next answer this soon as possible I hope you are conducting prudently as you wrote me you was do try to learn all you as you will require all your knowledge when you return I cannot tell you how to take best care of your money you will pay Mons when the bill is due Your cash is less than I expected and then the expenses is double to Hens your travel will cost you something I will help you all I can but I must have improvement for pay I have written what I can do for you in my last I fell much for you as I know you must be very unhappy about your remittance but you said you could bor-

row from Drouard rather unpleasant I wish you not to think it  
unkindness in Hen for not writeing as he is all business Thos  
now I must commend you to the Lords protection adnd hope you  
are deserveing as your position will permit and Recieve this  
from Your Mother R. Whaley good buy  
I hope you mark all your clothing air your cloths after washing.