

RACHEL WHALEY TO  
THOMAS WHALEY  
APR 13, 1845

(14<sup>th</sup> after)

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Dear Child. I have recieved your letter mailed on the 24 Feb. and those mailed on the 3 of March, we rec<sup>d</sup> on the 2<sup>d</sup> of April, which gave me infinite pleasure, This is my 14<sup>th</sup> to you, I have done as you wished with ~~your~~<sup>the</sup> letters to your Friends, who I hope have recieved them duly, I gave Fur P. n, note and B, letter to C. Harris, he said he would deliver them <sup>safe</sup> I informed him that you wished sister to read our long interesting <sup>letter</sup>, ten days past he has he has not been scince, we suppose, he must have a yōng lady to take his attention, as it was quite a month ere he came untill for your letter, to him, I told him I was fearful he was ill, he replied he did not know what excuse to offer, I said that there was not any required, he appeared rather in haste<sup>to go</sup> I told him to come again <sup>soon</sup> and sister would read your letter, I say she would have been pleased to have done so but she says C. does not wish to call upon her, and so will let him have his own way but says he will come very frequent, when you return. — Yes I hope Ason will send back the fishing pole & books I did not write to him for was glad you did, I think he is to high minded to call upon us] Mr Harrel has not recieved your letter which he says

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I have to inform you that Mr Liverigh the agent for sitting houses has said the debt of justice  
 and that a widow and 5 small children for whom I am sure some help is due. Mr Flavel was  
 here last Sunday and his son-in-law Mr Smith he had been to see Mr Phosters husband  
 not as he is so busy with the Stutter I said. Mr Under which is all the excitement  
 of the city now will go again soon. Mr McCune informed him that there would  
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(cheap)

(14<sup>th</sup> letter)

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He regrets very much, I told him I gave it to Henry and he directed it to him, I have written twice to Wm and do not get an answer about it, I have not heard from them since then departed I say tis gross neglect if they wanted any favours they would write and will you know it. You must pen Mr <sup>Wm</sup> a nice letter as I think he is a gent. I hope here I am! I ask where are you? my prayer is in safety, I may have some idea from your next The reading of your letters causes sometimes a smile at others a tear, I have sent one paper <sup>maple</sup> and will send more with this] do greet all your french friends kindly for me, I hope Leopold is in <sup>good</sup> business, as I suspect <sup>him</sup> very much, I expect his sister is quite pretty. I hope you are (very) polite to french ladies, tell Leopold I should esteem it a favour if he would comm(itt) his sentiments of your improvement, to paper and send them to us, that we may see from his communication that you are improving, if it is not to much trouble I should like to know where Mrs Smith resides I would call upon her. If you do not travel <sup>grand</sup> so I

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(15 gents)

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hope you will be comfortable I will try to  
send as you direct. as you would be in trouble  
indeed, in a foreign land without a  
friend in your Pocket I am in hope you  
borrowed \$15 of Mr D. to make my \$60-  
75 as you wished, and I would repay him,  
I know you are good at contriving not  
have <sup>not</sup> got your likeness I am sorry I am  
going this week to have mine & sisters  
taken \$1 each. I think you might have  
continued taking lessons if you was  
preparing to travel] do guard against any  
exposure Even if can dance the Polka  
Mr Montgomery says he is acquainted  
with a gent coming to Pa soon and  
will write you a letter by him he will  
remain there some time he has traveled  
all over I would send you some money  
by him if I was in funds] I will see Pilot  
Rolston he may give it to Capt. Funk <sup>James</sup> Edward  
when I get my may Gents I have no loose  
funds only what I lent Gen \$50 and ten the  
day he went I can not get a answer to  
my letter 1<sup>st</sup> of may what I shall receive is  
all I have believe or not I have  
enough to last untill then debts all  
paid] I will get the 50 of \$ if I can to send

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to you for our dresses - I say your letter to  
your friends were very pleasant the Miss  
D. are quite pleased with ~~it~~ I will do the best I  
can for you out of my August kents what  
you require is more than I have to  
spare still it may be the least you can  
do with - Mr Mont-y, is acquainted with Capt  
Eldredge. what - would you do if I was not  
fond of writing, sometimes I feel as though  
you must be at home soon I hope we  
shall be able to make some arrangements  
with Capt ~~more~~ <sup>more</sup> the Capt Myers who is to  
live in this house sails from Liverpool  
his wife thinks I would prefer Capt more  
for you I will write to him on his next  
arrival I will send Mrs Brewster's letter I hope  
you have letters of introduction of your own pro-  
curing as I fear I shall not be able to do  
much for you] Charles B. has not called  
here since Newyears day I hope you will  
be agreeably disappointed and find the  
natives pleasant, at all <sup>events</sup> as Mr Porter says  
you can apply to our American ministers  
so do not fail to do so on all accounts I  
want to write fine as I will send but  
half a sheet this time we are tolerable  
well first of May will soon be here I shall

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move down stairs I must get some one to help, sons all gone tho' I do conjure you be considerate and careful on all occasions not venturesome better appear poor as no one will know, you] as you say we must live more united when you return I would not indulge you did I not think you would improve on all points I wish to live to see it verified, I am in hopes Charles will be far Palmer as he does not know my address, C may be here tomorrow. I hope so (left side of pg 1) do not say a word to Charles or he may think we wish him to come against his will (pg 2 left side center section) I shall put this in an Envelope and — u Mrs D to direct it to you as you will inform him, let m — you, our bird sings finely this is the thinnest paper I had — took the liberty to ask Charles to buy me some but as the packet sails in a few days I would be prepared with part of a sheet written; I may hear from John Bre I send <sup>this</sup> I will let you say what they mean by silence Your Newark friend well wish to be remembered to you I expect you have received a letter of introduction by solicitation of Mrs



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well if you do write to them again jointly  
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all the particulars in previous letter I  
wish Harsel to attend to it that is the reason.  
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you was lost twas his doings, do write  
him soon Mr O'Connor has been <sup>here</sup> wants  
some locks for his bill and now I  
believe you said he was good pay<sup>3</sup>  
I will inquire En. g. I wish you was home  
to see the things and then perhaps you

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inception  
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would not attend to it could I for a moment  
say so what? and I indulging you at  
the rate I am forbid it heaven! Let us  
look for good doings, old things pass away  
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you wish to know if I and H do not as  
you expect a benefit how selfish this  
sounds and what do I expect I ask  
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treatment as you say I have lived  
half a century some might think I have  
long enough, or, to long to know much  
at any rate I hope you will acquire  
knowledge or I shall conclude I have  
given my money away to a poor purpose  
indeed and wrap my self up for  
future and be deaf to all entreaties,  
well my son I must bid you fare  
well and commit you to protection of  
a all wise providence on whom we  
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(Pencil copy)

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wish Adieu turn pg. upside down  
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Dear Child

I have recieved your letter Mailed on the 24Feb. and those mailed on the 8 of March, we read on the 2d of April, which gave me infinite pleasure, this is my 14<sup>th</sup> to you, I have done as you wished with ~~your~~ the letters to your Friends, who I hope have recieved them duly, I gave Mr R-r note and B, letter to C, Harris, he said hee would deliver them safe I informed him that you wished Sister to read our long interesting letter ten days past he has he has not been scince, we suppose he must have a young lady to take his attention, as it was quite a month Ere he came untill for your letter, to him, I told him I was fearful he was ill, he replied he did not know what excuse to offer, I said that there was not any required, he appeared rather in haste, to go I told him to come again soon and sister would read your letter, I say she would have been pleased to have done so but she says C does not wish to call opou her, and so will let him have his own way, but says he will come very frequent , when you return,--Yes I hope Ason will send back the fishing pole & books I did not write to him for I was glad you did, I think he is to high minded to call opou us) Mr Marsel has not recieved Your letter which he say he regrets very much, I told him I gave it to henry and he directed it to him, I have written about it, I have not heard from them scince hen departed I say tis gross neglect if they wanted any favours they would write and will you know it. You must pen

Mr Barsel a nice letter as I think he is a gent. Thos- here I am! I ask where are you? my prayer is in safety, I may have some Idea from your next the reading of your letters causes sometimes a smile at others a tear, I have sent one paper Naples and will send more with this) do greet all your french Friends kindly for me, I hope Lepold is in good business, as I respect him Very much, I expect his sister is quite pretty. I hope you are(very) polite to french ladies, tell Lepold I should esteem it a favour if he would comm(it) his sentiments of your improvements, to paper and send them to us, that we may See from his communication that you are improving, if it is not to much trouble I should like to know where Mrs Smith resides I would call upon her. If you do not travil grand so I hope you will be comfortable I will try to send as you direct as you would be in troble indeed, in a foreign land without a friend in your Pocket I am in hopes you borrowed \$15 of Mr. D to make my \$60-75 as you wished, and I would repay him, I know you are good at contriveing no I have not got your likeness I am sorry I am going this week to have mine and(&) Sisters taken \$1 each. I think you might have continued takeing lessons if you was preparing to travil) do gard against any exposure Even if can dance the Polka. Mr. Montgomery says he is acquainted with a gent coming to Pr soon and will write you a letter by him he will remain there some time he has traveled all over I would send you some money by him if I was in funds) I will see Pilot James Rolston he may give it to Capt. Funk Edward or when I get my May Rents I have no lose funds only what I lent Ben \$50 and ten the day he went I can not get a answer to my letter 1# of may what I shall recieve is all I have believe or not I have wrough to last untill then debts all paid) I will get the 50 of E if I can to send to you for our dresses- I say your letter to your

Friends were very pleasant the Miss D are quite pleased with you I will do the best I can for you out of my August rents what you require is more than I have to spare still it may be the least you can do with- Mr Mont-y , is acquainted with Capt Eldrege. what- would you do if I was not fond of writeing, sometimes I feel as though you must be at home soon I hope we shall be able to make some araignments-with Capt More the Capt Myers who is to live in this house sails from liverpool his wife thinks I would prefer Capt. More for you I will write to him on his next arival I will send Mrs Briants letter I hope you have letters of introduction of your own procureing as I fear I shall not be able to do much for you) Charles B has not called here scince New years day I hope you will be agreeablely disappointed and find the natives pleasant, at all events as Mr Porter says you can apply to our American misisters so do not fail to do so on all accounts I want to write fine as I will send but half a sheet this time we are tolerable well first of May will soon be here I shall move downstairs I must get someone to help, sons all gone Thos I do conjure you be considerate and careful on all occations not venture- some better appear poor as no one will know you) as you say we must live more united when you return I would not indulge you did I not think you would improve on all points I wish to live to see it verefyed, I am in hopes Charles will See Mr Palmer as he does not know my address, C may be here tomorrow. I hope so(left side of page 1) do not say a word to Charles or he may think we wish him to come against his will ( page 2 bottom section) Thos I have to inform you that Mr Leverigh the agent for letting houses has paid the debt of nature and left a widow and 5 small children poor woman I am very sorry for her, Mr Marsel was here last sunday and his son in law Mr Smith he had been to See Mr Whiteing but



could not as he is so busy with the Statten Island Murder which is all the excitement of the city now will go again soon Mr McCuey informed him that there would not be anything done at present I written you, all the particulars in previous letter I wish Harsel to attend to it that is the reason I was so sorry that Harsels letter from you was lost twas hens doings, do write him soon Mr Oconor has been here wants some locks for his bill and mor I believe you said he was good pay (undecipherable word)(?) I will inquire Omy! I wish you was home to see the things and then perhaps you would not attend to it could I for a moment say so what? and I indulging you at the rate I am forbid it heaven! Let us look for good doings, old thing pas away and new ones in their places I will write you again all particular of, Rents, Law locks and how we come on as no doubt you wish to know if J and H do not as you expect a benefit how selfish this sounds and what do I expect I ask nothing (page 2 top section) but comly treatment as you say I have lived half a century some might think I have long enough, on, to long to know much at any rate I hope you will acquire knowledge or I shall conclude I have given my money away to a poor purpose indeed and wrap myself up for future and bee deaf to all entreatties well my son I must bid you fare well and commit You to protection of a all wise providence on whom we depend for our existence and hope the prayers of you affectionate Mother will be heard Rachel Whaley

I will write when I send the May rents what me and Sister wishes you to buy T you must buy some little affair in each place you travil do write in your jornal ? What have done about being christened I think I would have been as well I saw Charlotte today I hope she has got H letter or he will be mad as s e does not answer all I heard about it was from Mrs. King I am willing if

she pleases him I have not a word to say I always treat her well  
and she often calls m Mother April 16<sup>th</sup> I have not any letter from  
Washington so you see how I lend mony if I had not have done so  
they would say I was unkind well my Son may God bless you with  
health and strength is your Mothers wish Adieu (turn page upside  
down)(near signature) me and my land lady agrees well and I shall  
be sorry when she moves.(page 2,left side,center section ) I shall  
put this in an Envelope an(torn)u Mrs. D to direct it to you as  
you will inform h'm, let m---(torn) you, our bird sings finely  
this is the thinnest paper I had ---took the liberty to ask Charles  
to buy me some but as the packet sails in a few days I would be  
prepared with part of a sheet written; I may hear from John Ere  
I send this I will let you say what they mean by silence Your  
Newark friend well wish to be remembered to you I expect you have  
received a letter of introduction by solicitation of Messers Porters  
and on from Theodore he speaks well of you do write to them again  
jointly as he thinks so much of your writeing and composition  
good buy.