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Water Street Arsenal  
March 6<sup>th</sup> 1855

My dear Mother

We are now beginning to get settled - got our carpets down and some little besides in the rooms. We had a very pleasant journey - Lizzie, 'Birdie' and myself set out from Portland on Monday as intended - made no stop in Boston, the Portland train being a little late we had just time to pass from Depot to depot & get fairly searved in the cars for Springfield when they started. we arrived at the latter place before seven - went to the Massasoit House, had a good supper & a good room with a fire in it. so we spent the night very comfortably - with nothing to trouble us but the hideous sounds from the Depot so unpleasantly near at hand - the engines puffed & blew and whistled - & the cars kept up a creaking & rattling from 4 O'Clock till time to get



up. We started for Albany at a quarter past seven - There were but few passengers so that we had plenty of room & got on finely over that beautiful Western Road - Lizzie looked a little tired when we arrived at East Albany - and I don't think it helped her weariness much that she had to wait from half past 12 till 1 $\frac{1}{2}$  O'Clock before she could get to Troy. We waited this hour at the Depot - She in that place so sacred that Gentlemen are forbidden to enter, & her husband in a big room devoted to gentlemen smokers - ladies refreshments & I was amusing myself with "Hard Times" and some little Dutch musicians. We soon went to Troy by a special train and found no chest carriages at the Depot - nothing but those square sentry boxes or wheels that they call cabs. I left Lizzie ~~again~~ & went to procure a carriage - soon got one & we proceeded to our home - if you will allow us to dignify our temporary place of sojourn by that name - We soon arrived met a warm welcome from Mr Boggs - we were not expected till the next train - Mr Boggs



was intending to meet us at Albany & accompany us to Troy - have a carriage ready at the Depot, give us a good dinner & a warm welcome from all hands - but we got the start of these sundry arrangements - Since then our furniture has arrived in good shape - cost us only about ten dollars for the transportation of every thing - from I all - I wish you could peep in upon us and see how easily we look - By & by - we shall be in still better shape - Lizzy has received quite a number of calls - from acquaintances of mine & been to one dinner given for her especially at the Majors - She has been obliged to receive people as yet in our common Mess-parlor - which Ellen had cleaned up so nicely that I hardly recognized it on my return. We are getting on swimmingly. I shall not tell you how lonely or how miserable my little wife is for she will own up to neither. Between you & me, she looks very happy & I think so indeed. - I will bring the next page for her to say her say - Give my love to all - yours affectionately  
John C. Bernard