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DESCRIPTION OF REPRODUCED ITEM:

Elizabeth Huntington. ALS to Frederic Dan Huntington. In: Porter-Phelps-Huntington Family Papers (box 12, folder 7).

Orange July 7th 1831 - Thursday afternoon.

Dear Frederic, I suppose before this, my letters from all reach you, excepting the one I sent on last Monday - let me see, how many are there? - one from Adams - two from Saratoga, one from Rome, and one from Orange five of them, and we have heard but twice from home. This I say not by way of complaint - for I know how it is at home; there are many things to occupy the attention, many labours and duties to be performed; while I am quite at leisure, almost too much so, for a clear conscience. I think if I had the boys little horse here, I should take a ride every day which might take up an hour and perhaps improve the state of my stomach. I think my mind has been less confused since I left home; but there is a great degree of mental as, well as bodily weakness - I should however be very ungrateful to complain - the degree of exertion and composure that I enjoy, ought to excite my highest gratitude - for I am not now, as once, terrified with visions. By this I would not have you think that the exercises of my mind are what they ought to be - relief from suffering is what I would describe. Mrs Fisher's friends have been quite attentive in calling on us - their nearest neighbours ^{and Mrs} Mr Hewley, have invited us to drink tea there this afternoon - and as they expect no other company we expect to go. Yesterday forenoon, your Pa and I walked up to the pier, and indeed out

your Pa wishes Edward to send, by the next mail after you receive this, Mr Greys letter to Gov. Lincoln - for Mr Fisher to read - probably it is in the secretary, or if not Brotheria perhaps can find it.

upon it, to look at the steam boat, Great Britain. Edwin Clarke who was on board, very politely ~~took~~ conducted us - it is indeed a grand vessel - it belongs to Canada, but passes from Aylensburg to Niagara in five days and returns in the same time, visiting this place each way - Tuesday was a rainy day here, but quite cool - today has been clear and warm, but the lake breeze makes it very uncomfortable. Monday afternoon Mr. Landit and Deacon Bunce called to see you. Pa - this afternoon your Pa and Mr. Fisher intend ~~returning~~ visiting the civility - The court has been sitting a week or two, will not rise before Saturday - it had no help; yesterday

When we came your sister had no help; yesterday Mr Fisher took the horse and chaise, and went four or five miles after a girl who had engaged to come in the stage on Tuesday - she came with him; seems to be very well disposed, and wishes to ~~be~~ be instructed where she is deficient - she professes to be a christian - was converted among the methodists - and thus far does credit to her profession.

Friday afternoon - I cannot close this letter without advertizing to our dear little George - another warning voice, my dear child, comes to you from his grave - much younger than yourself, his body inhabits the narrow house - and his soul we hope, thro' the compassionate Saviour, is among the blessed spirits of the just made perfect - he who whilst on earth received little children into his arms expressing much condescending kindness and regard for them. will surely, now that he has ascended to his throne of glory embrace them with equal affection - how comforting, to hope that our dear Catherine - who loved him so well here, may be permitted to minister to his happiness and improvement even now. - but

I think I have been more comfortable to day than any
day excepting Tuesday, since I have been here - How do Theopho-
bus and Phoebe succeed ~~with~~ their work - and P^r and M^r and you - I
and Edward and Dwight - I

having this part of the subject, let us attend to one
far more important to us, and that is, the course we
must pursue in order to be prepared to leave the
world in peace. The favour of God is life, and his
loving kindness is better than life. let this then be
the first object of your desire - the first that that
enters your mind when you wake - and the last
when you go to sleep - seek first the kingdom of
God, and his righteousness - endeavour always to do
those things which please him - let no worldly con-
cern, so engross your attention, as to prevent your
looking daily into your bible, the teaching of our beloved
Saviour - to learn what your duty is - what actions
are agreeable to his instructions - and what are
contrary to them - but especially bear in mind, and
practice the duty enjoined in the 7th chapter of
Matthew - 7th 8th 9th 10th and 11th verses - and the Lord
give you all understanding in all things. -
But you will perhaps find that when you
would do good will is present with you - that is
nearly the case; in ~~all~~ things we offend, and in all
come short of duty; and we must come for pardon
to our heavenly Father, thro' the intercession of our
great Advocate Jesus Christ the righteous. -
Your sister sends love - remember me with much kindness
to R. C. and E. - tell the latter to bear in mind the
21st verse of the 7th chapter of Matthew. - I hope you do
not lose or misimprove the precious hours of the sabbath.
I am with you often in spirit - I visit our dear
home - and I dwell at the stove - and hope you are all
enjoying the protection of Almighty power, and love.
I should like to hear from Whiting - perhaps we may
have a letter from some of you to-night - love to
your uncle and the cousins - your Pa thinks of
being home, the first part of August - - your most
affectionate mother
E. W. Huntington

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