

My Dear Sir
Please to forget

Office of John H. Seymour
June 12th 1847

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Utica June 1st 1847

Dear Husband

I got a letter from you ~~saying~~
last night (Mon) saying that you are very un-
easy in consequence of not hearing from us. But
I can assure you that I have been as uneasy
as you could have been and am yet as we
have been expecting a letter from father for
almost a week. Mother has now gone to the Office
to try once more if she can get one I got all
your letters after a few days delay. The last
before this I got the next Friday after you
wrote (on Sat Eve) I saw from the P.D. that you
must be disappointed about getting one the
next day so I made up my mind to wait until
I heard from father so as to give you the infor-
mation you desire. We had a letter from him
over two weeks ago saying that he should not
come home as soon as he expected but when he
did come he expects mother to return with
him. He expected to get his stamping machine
done in about 3 weeks. That would be sooner than
his power would be in readiness so he should
be home in time to settle his business and
arrange matters for breaking up. This may
be the last visit you and I shall ever make in
Utica. I long to see you so as to tell you all about
how we can arrange matters which I cannot tell

your letter I am very glad that you have
given up housekeeping this summer as I should
have been greatly disappointed in my calculation.
Sat. Sat 7 month I was very unwell and was almos
ost discouraged again I hope you will not feel that
you must make any very extra efforts to raise money
for my jaunt if I go I believe (if reports are true) that
I can go by Rail Road for \$5 I have made the best
use of what I had and fixed the children and sett
myself quite comfortable I got Gertrude a new
bonnet dress a pair of light shoes Seymour a new
hat two suits of clothes myself a shawl pair of
gloves and my bonnet fixed I expected to have a
new dress if I can raise the means. I have earned
12 shillings which bought my shawl and Gertrude
dress. provisions are very high in Africa. butter
has been 18 per lb, potatoes 6 shillings, eggs 11cts
salt pork 10 per lb veal 7 We shall want some
more ^{butter} before we break up here In my last I
wrote to have you get some articles from the
bureau drawer if you have not opened it yet
I wish you would look for some dresses of
the childrens you will recollect they both
had a dress that Mrs Morris gave them
alike I want to make Gertrude some petticoat
of these They are in one of the drawers in
that bureau and some old red flannel that
was your drawers If you have opened the
bureau and got those things that I sent for
before you need not do it again

There is an old silk cravat of yours if you
know where it is I wish you would bring it.
Wednesday morn. No letter has arrived from father
yet but I shall have this mailed. you may look
for another soon as this is the last of his 8 weeks
in which he ~~was~~ to finish his machine. If we do not
hear we shall expect him on sat. The children
are very well and happy. Dezmour has a great deal
to say about being married to Maria Moran when
his Adel comes I made him a black silk velvet
coat and a pair of white linen pants he says they
are his wedding clothes. You would laugh to hear
him talk about it. Since I commenced writing the
last sentence Savage called with a letter from
father of which I shall enclose a part so you ~~can~~
can understand what he is about. I shall expect
to see you next week. Mother says tell him to come
and spend the sabbath. Dont forget to bring father
Whitmores books Mrs. W. has ~~book~~ her sholder
blade. Whatever we have of provisions that you can
not dispose of ~~there~~ and can bring you will get a
good price for I suppose you have heard of Mr
Crane's death. You ask the name of that ~~place~~
you took home, it is Glendale. Give my love to all
the folks. I am very sorry to hear of Mrs. Millers
ill health. Remember me to her & Mrs. Kelsey &
Mary. Mrs. Rider, Mrs. Ripon, Mrs. Penfield, and all
that enquire. Your Aff Wife Abby

The children are counting the days already