

[ "Villa Cushman Newport R.I." ]  
(letter read)

(John Hopkins Esq.)  
Aug 3<sup>rd</sup> 1875

Dear friend, your kind & most welcome letter of the 31<sup>st</sup> ~~you~~  
just recd & has been such a relief to me that I hasten to ~~show~~  
send you just one word of greeting to show you that I am in the flesh  
& thankful to find you again - after your much wandering  
Before Peacat left his home, I wanted him to write to Mrs. Davis -  
we were in such anxiety about you - to learn why we heard  
nothing - at last, just as he was leaving home he recd your  
letter of the 10 July which he was kind enough to send to me that  
I might see and judge by your own hand how you were  
getting on - I am so glad that you will now be so near - at  
least for a time - & hope I may persuade you to run up  
to Longport after your work is over. - We hope (D. V.) to go thro on  
the 9<sup>th</sup> inst. I have been so extremely suffering and since I  
stopped work that I have hardly been able to walk beyond my  
own door - a little drive in the p.m. - being all that I have been  
able to accomplish of exercise. I had hoped very much  
that I might have been able to entertain you in my own  
house, here at Newport but I see I must give up that hope  
for the present. I trust to your being able to get to Longport  
where we shall be, all August, & delighted to see you.  
Perhaps I shall be able to stay there longer - all depends  
upon the weather: here, the damps of August are a little  
too softening and depressing for me. But you shall know  
of any change in our movements  
I am most sorry that you do not meet Mr. Calvert  
who admires and respects your poems enough to satisfy  
you - perhaps after I return here, in Sept, I may have the  
pleasure of bringing you together. as well as seeing you up  
among those lovely Berkshire Hills, where we will talk  
of many lovely things. And 7<sup>th</sup> 7<sup>th</sup> 7<sup>th</sup> 7<sup>th</sup> 7<sup>th</sup> ]  
Here I was interrupted by visitors whom I allow myself

to receive from 12½ to 1½ in the day - and now must hurry this  
note off to you to assure you of my sympathy with you in the  
separation from your 'lovely comrade' and the 'hostages' in  
your hot burying in Brooklyn for a month in all your dusty  
hot wandering, up & down the land - I heard through  
Peacock that you had been suffering your <sup>firm</sup> firm  
hemorrhage - you say nothing of this - let me know how  
all is with you -

I am turning over in my mind about England and  
its opinions - I have been cut off from all my English  
associations for so long - & they were news of the Press,  
that it is not clear to me at all. but it will become  
so - meanwhile believe how much I am interested in  
you work & your fame - Miss Stebbins was away from me  
for 3 weeks - but came to me on the ~~23~~ <sup>21</sup> to pass  
my 59<sup>th</sup> birthday with me on the 23<sup>d</sup> - we count the days  
to the mountain air & I am in dread of the suffering  
from the journey - for indeed I am very very suffering,  
more so than I ever dreamed of - & this is but the begin-  
ning, they tell me - ah, if the end could only be any  
night that I go to sleep / anything to avoid the pain - &  
the sight of my pain to those I love - but unfortunately  
it is not - as we will - If you could only run on here on a  
Saturday noon. 1 o'clock if it were only to see me & a  
few choice spirits - & get back to your work with Waddy  
following if need be. Haven't as you can. Miss Stebbins  
joins me in kindest words - can mend me to your wife  
& believe me ever yours cordially

Charles F. Johnson

Envelope address.

Edmy / Annie Eoy

195. Dean St.

Brooklyn, N. Y.