

London Jan 11<sup>th</sup> 1862

My dear Aunt

I received your letter of January 5<sup>th</sup> and I am very much obliged to you for it. I do not see why I did not receive it sooner for ~~it~~ <sup>it</sup> did not ~~reach~~ <sup>come to me</sup> until last night. You accuse me of not writing to my Mother and the reason is that I cannot write to her without writing a letter of some length and I never can find any thing to say if I write often. I thought you would not like Aleck's affair, he certainly behaved badly about it, but I do not believe it was his wish altogether ~~for~~ It is my opinion that the Williams's began to fear that you would try to break it off if you could so they all threw it up to him to keep his promise.

I could well see that he did not care much about her, for she did every thing for him to please him and he did not do as much as move for her, but it cannot be helped for it is done now. They kept it very secret

from me for fear I should write and tell  
you about it, for they did not tell me of  
it until the very morning they were married  
and a few days before ~~then~~ they were making  
a cake I asked them what it was for and the  
answer was it was a Christmas pudding. Now  
that they are married Henry does not do any  
thing but ~~not~~ <sup>say</sup> don't do this and don't do that  
May I not bring my rifle and trunk ~~and~~  
from there (I have my powder piece here for  
Mr Warner allows me to hunt) and then  
I will not go there any more. I will put  
the rifle in Mr Warners care. If you do not  
~~go to~~ think it better that I should go there  
any more may I not go over to West Stock  
Saturdays for two or three of our boys come  
from there who go home Saturdays. I will  
talk to you all about the navy when I see  
you in Albany in Feb<sup>ruary</sup> and in the mean time  
I will endeavor to be able to pass my  
examination. With Love to Miss Hays Sally  
and Yourself I remain your Affectionate Nephew  
C. E. Cushman