

Truro House

Monday Sep^r 12th /60.

At last - at last I have a word from you.
My precious little Tom: arriving here last night
at 7^{1/2}. I found you of the 8th - "the fish I
have rec^d" - & soon after you dear little note
of yesterday morning came in. - No darling mine
I did not go down at Franciscus - although I
asked repeatedly on Monday - the only day I was there.
Will you now write to the post master & ask for it
(I don't know how you directed your letter or I would
not ask this of you) I don't like such dear
letters addressed to me to be lost. or to be sent to the
Dead letter office. If any "unscrupulous person or
persons" should find it. my reputation might be
lost forever. and only think how fearful that
would be. So send for it - there's a darling!

I was so glad to see your dear hand writing again
but why why is every thing wrapped in so much
- lying a way - why must you go west with Hatter
why not Mary - whom Hatter much more
affect - why must Hatter's dominant monning
interfere with my happiness & comfort by taking
you away from me & before I can possibly

arrange to get there. When I left Newport your father
& mother told me they could not get to Lenox until
the 17th or 18th - If I had an aim & you would be there
so soon. I would have gone directly from the
White Mountain there & come to Boston after
but every thing seems so slow & now I am very
much hurried in Boston - so as to get through to
you on Sunday next. 18th inst - Walter writes me
"I am going to Lenox Wednesday 19th - I hope - barely
possible on the 20th" but shall try for Monday 19th
on the Saturday following 22nd. I go to Louis make
my visit to Lenox & be ready for a week with his Lord
when he goes out. get back to Boston 12th or 13th or so
& sail as soon afterwards as I can find an empty
floating to take me - I think it very stupid that
you should be sent away - before your father & if you
if you will I don't see any necessity for it.
If your father has you to attend to business in
New York - why can you not stay & go out with him
I don't learn whether all your party are to go out
when Walter goes - if so. Can't you persuade your
father to let you come on to New York & ^{wait} ~~stay~~
for him, with wayman: then you could see me
there also - but if not able to arrange this, you
must arrange not to leave with Walter on the
22nd - why it would be a miserable appointment
to see you first on the evening of the 18th & then

you had to leave on the 22nd - only three days -
Your father says in a letter to me of the 6th
that he does not know what Walter plans
that he does not know what Walter plans
are - but I know he will move heaven &
earth to accomplish he wishes, at the cost
of his own - so most likely you won't be able to
control the movements of any of them or your own
I know sweet son. I can not see to you now
until the Tuesday. - I am a little in anxiety
about Ned. I don't want your father to think you
have engaged yourself to anybody without consulting
him. In fact Walter is speaking to me about it -
that you had promised him you would come home
embraced to some thing of the sort. Now for
the world I would not have him think you had not
kept your word with him. He must not think you
engaged by any promise: engaged in your affection
you may know that. but nothing more. for I have never
felt that you ~~were~~ ^{could} be engaged - without your father's
permission. so darling - understand now what
I mean by being rash. you must take what steps
you please. Your father wants you home with him
at all events for a time. It is a right he ought to have
during this time. Even though he should fix your
probation at 2 years - Ned must be learning
some business. Circumstances may occur mean
while to bring it nearer. but it is better that Ned
should think he has got some thing to work for.

The uncertainty makes him nervous & restless
I should be better perhaps for him to get some
sort of conditional promise from you rather
than to have the matter left in uncertainty.

I will send him up to prepare our way. We
for rooms I know exactly what room Mr. Brown
wishes for you must know. That Mr. Brown
at the Walker house is the friend of Aunt Susan
& ^{she} ~~her~~ mother & sister expect to take her there
I am very hopeful that she won't be able to
have us all. but I think it will be an excuse
for her to come up. & without one. I don't see how
he could come. I will send him probably
to-morrow (Thursday) as he is in such a firm to
go off. She must make her own excuse for
coming.

Darling. I am very poorly. hardly able to get
up with pain. Yesterday morning in Communion
I took the ride from ^{Franklin} Plymouth to then the rail from
Plymouth to Boston. from 8 A.M. to 7 P.M.
I was constantly have done me up. I had taken
cold previously. & something I had taken must
have disagreed with me so that I have an
attack of bilious colic. but am keeping up. so that
I can for an occasional treat of my pain & fear
to my suspect me. - but I feel very very poorly
God love you my precious one - kiss me & love me
as your own fondly devoted passionate & loving
Lover