

The Grove July 24th 59

My dear daughter

You must excuse mother
not answering your letter, long before
this, in the first place I had no envelopes
paper or stamps & secondly I had so much
to attend to I did not have time. James
had to be fixed to leave home; Mary
Louisa had to have clothes made to go
to school, and father has been hewing
chills off and on, for the last two months
and I had no body to help me attend
to any thing. I have been worried almost
to death, my health is not as good as
it generally is, why I cannot go through as

as much, as I always did, I am poorer
and more feeble than I ever was before.
West Teacher is sick and we have writtten
to Exum & Gough Anna to know if they
will board him, and if they will, we
are going to send him up to school
to James Greon you have heard he
is teaching in their neighbourhood.

West is now to get ready, against I hear
from Exum, and father will go up
with him, and I hope he will stay a
month, Gough Ann & Exum have been
writting for him to go over since they
heard he was having chills; they think
it will improve him so much, he men-
ded so while he was there this spring.

Your sister and children were well
last week. Betsy Lang says Tell aunt
Hoff I am here yet, but she dont love
to stay in the house, and will not wear

gloves. Mary Louisa wrote me word last
night, sister West had a severe head ach,
the rest were all well. We are having a
very hot dry, & fine season every thing
needs rain, my garden is drying up
for the want of it, I cannot get any
vegetables scarcely. Sister West has a good
garden, every thing so nice and plentiful
while mine is so sorry. We had two wa-
termelons yesterday, the first this summer.

We have had a good many nice apples & a
few peaches, ^{most} all our peaches are late, we
shall soon have a plenty I hope.

I had a letter from Gough Ann last week
she wrote quite cheerful, her health has
improved, and her little boy can stand
alone, Exum says you must answer his
letter or he will have to do something to you.
Father sends his love to you, give mine to Lucy &
accept a large portion for yourself from your affectionate
mother
Gough Ann