

"Mountain Hill," N.C.
April 6th 1875.

My dear aunt—

I do regret so much, that I was absent from home at the time you came up the country— Though my sojourn with Sallie was very pleasant, yet had I known that you were coming at that time, should not have gone from your letter received before the last, I inferred you would be up a little later, and made every arrangement to meet you at Uncle Whit's at that time— had it not been for the "high-water" I should have returned several days sooner, and seen you a "little while" any way! You know my anxiety to see you.

so got Phil to go up - we were
"water-bound" for several days, caused
our delay - Your kind letter should
have been answered at an earlier
date, had it not been that I have
been suffering very much with
a rising on my jaw, and to-day
is the first time in more than
a week, that I could sit-up long
enough to write a letter, suffering
the most excruciating pain - hope
I will be well in a few days - you
can see from my writing how
nervous I am! and from my
composition I hav'nt hardly
an "idea"! Ma's health is very
feeble, we are all very anxious
about her - apprehensive that
as Spring advances she will
continue to grow weaker -
Uncle Ed was here this morning
advised her to take but "moderate
exercise", which you know will

be had to get her to do - he kept
on to Warkentou, from there
will go to Uncle Whit's to-night
for Aunt De, she went up
Sunday to see grandma. Cousin
Howard, and Miss Bettie Field,
are to be married in a few
days - Do you hear from Button
often? You had the girls with you
so long, expect you miss them
very much - saw Temp not
many days since, said she had
a very pleasant visit, to see you
all! I have not seen Sue yet,
but understand she has im-
proved very much - I know you
enjoy having Mrs. Twitty with you
so much! for this pretty weather,
know Cousin Elias is out in
his farm most of the time,
and you would be lonely with-
out her. Beck staid only one week
with Rice - I did not see her at all.

What trip have you in con-
templation next Summer? to
N. Y. I expect! Is little Elias as
sweet as ever! would like so
much to see you all. Times
are very stale in the "Fork", nothing
new. Were you not surprised to
hear of Etusim Aphhia's marriage
to that "old man"? said to be
very pious, and clever - but so
advanced in years! Hope grand-
ma will be down soon to see
ma - I know this must be a
dull letter, so will be your pa-
tience no longer - You must
write us soon, we are always
glad to hear from each of you.
All join me in much love
to Mrs. Twitty, and you all.
With all my good wishes, I am
still yours sincerely,
Bettie W.