

Monday P.M. June 22<sup>d</sup> 1863.

Dear John.

I received your letter day  
before yesterday and was surprised that you had  
not heard from me. I wrote you at Falmouth  
Cam of Ewing as you said and enclosed an  
invitation from Mr. Peterson on behalf of  
his scholars for you to accompany them on  
an excursion down the Bay. You would  
have enjoyed it if you had been here. I hope  
you will receive it for it was a pleasure  
- my friends of course all my letters  
contain highly important intelligence! as  
well as being deeply interesting! I was  
glad you would let us know when you were  
for of all the parties we have ever seen here  
the last one crowned all. People believed  
everything. It could not have been much worse  
in Washington itself. Perhaps you are with  
the boys. I shall mail a letter to them  
with this one to-night. Did you see Lewis  
Boston at the Metropolitan in Washington  
He was there the day before you wrote.

It seems that you went - at the right - time  
for adventures. We may have to fight - our  
way back to Falmouth. We were glad  
you gave the cokes to the poor soldiers  
Soul - Soul you live my hand knocking!  
How nice it is for you to be with - Army I -  
you could - have planned for yourself any  
letter. I hope when you burned the Ch.  
Com. stores at Ft. you didn't burn any books  
for I am sure they had good books more  
than we do. Mr. Fisher was over and brought  
an excellent - fluke. We all enjoyed seeing &  
hearing him very much. The same eve.  
Mauley & wife called for me to ride and  
spoke he went. I got in and rode with -  
them down to the little stream by Long  
Brook. Knowlton was over last night -  
and wants to ride (astonishing!) I told  
him I would go tomorrow night - if it was  
not too cold. There is a great - small - very  
night - which injures the vines a good deal.  
and if Mauley Hardy would go - I would  
travel myself with - Knowlton on a frog pond!  
I expect him on this eve. to talk it over and

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time shall get him to mail my letters.  
There is any thing to write - but I can't - Think of  
a thing. I wish Edward brought me a beautiful  
bouquet today of sweetest roses. Mine haven't  
blossomed yet - but that little rose - of which  
you may see you and you said mine would  
live has come up beautifully and grows every  
day. Everything that we set out - side of  
the walk is doing well. All the rose bushes  
will blossom. But the hens! a word to  
the wise is sufficient. - Father has had measures  
to branches of dead cedar, all over my bed!  
I guess you would laugh. I have written till  
my hand is round asleep and so I'll go  
down to supper -

The Circle met a week or two ago at  
Mrs. Millers and Lady Falkner was  
there. I promised to call on her and I  
must immediately. I heard nothing -  
was failing. I suppose you hear from  
all the Bluntall people through Henry.  
Give my love to him. Anne Barker is  
here now with her baby. Lewis B's term  
is out the 1<sup>st</sup> of July and they expect him here.



I didn't write to Mother for such a long time -  
said she had gone with her husband to  
visit his friends in the western part  
of the state. She is coming to Bangor  
next week and I will see her and  
tell her why you didn't come. I went  
over to Vesper's last evening with Mrs. Hardy  
It was remarkably good. I saw all the ladies  
they said Frank was in Ferdinandia -  
Sol. Brooker is on the way of instruction  
with an interest of 16! his father says.  
I believe I wish you that Mrs. Wheeler had  
a fun. Mrs. Lippert regrets very much  
you stayed and is impatient for your re-  
turn. Said her husband very much approved  
of her choice of you as a teacher for  
Annie, and just as she was flattering  
herself that she had done the right  
thing to place her under your tuition, you  
must go and away. The thought Annie  
was getting along finely with her studies.  
So you think you will stay longer than  
6 weeks - that term is half out.

all send love. Mother was much gratified  
at the clause "Health good" which was with her. Love

