

Chas Hovey Sept. 3. 1840.

My dear Sister

Mr. Jones called this morning saying that he should be happy to take any letter for us to Springfield as he went to-morrow. My hurried postscript of Saturday did not inform you of much except our desire for your return. We heard of you through the Apthorpers & presume they might have given you several items of news respecting the "announcement" etc. I have not had time to write as I wished & expected but I know you will excuse me under the circumstances & in times of trying men's souls. I shall have time to tell you on your return. Indeed I could not put one tenth part on paper. In these troubles with the Th. is a trouble about my going South that writes besides various others too numerous to mention we have wanted your judgment & your cheerful spirit to console us. The first part of John's visit was dreadful. I do not think Chama gave him one smile of approval for the first four days of his sojourn. She was towards the close a little more gracious. She found fault with almost every thing I he said & I knew it. They had but one conversation together on the subject of my going. It was the most painfully disagreeable I ever spent. Chama

Wm. B. Bartlett.

Springfield.

Oct.

Received by
W. B. Bartlett.

every reason she could think of for my remaining, but all
mere pretexts to conceal the true one ^{my} then unwillingly
to be separated. I begged him to say no more as
it was too painful a subject & he complied. He
told Mr. Metcalf - he did not know what to do, there
was every reason for my going but he could not stand
sears. Emma received a letter from him on
Saturday & one from Mr. Church on this week. He is
sadly worried about it. I say nothing about it to
Emma ~~now~~. it was the cause I first chose
& I cannot argue against her feelings. yet it does seem
horrible to let him go down there alone & I cannot
say but that every reason that must be urged now
for remaining, must be in force another year -
She is very anxious for your return & I suppose then
it will be decided though Harriet Foster advised her
not to worry herself any longer & not to wait to
have it talked over (after you come, but to decide
now, as it was only keeping her in suspense
the longer - She has been much more cheerful
since for two weeks & particularly since Louis came
by this way he looks very well. & not half so
much westernized as I expected - I hope he will
remain this winter - he will be a great comfort to Emma
& I think she would give me up much more willingly -
I have been interrupted by company again so that
I could not write what I expected I need Mr. Dutton
to him at sea & Mr. Jones will be here this evening.

We expect you on Tuesday as William returns from
Hartford on that day - Do not fail to bring
this letter or leave it otherwise it will be
throwing round & read by all - Give my best love
to your sisters Caroline Emily & Lucy! - It will
take me a week to say all I have to say so come
prepared for a Babel of tongues - Every one thinks it
is so horrible to go off to Mississippi so that really
I think I should be praised for my courage & a
good spirit. I do not care how much they say
if they do not say it to me & console
with me. Mr. Roger Baldwin paid me quite a
compliment which I am vain enough to tell you
that John W. C. had got the finest wife that
could be got out of the town. I was very sorry you
were not here that he might ^{of you in his last letter} enlist you in the
"Mississippi going scheme" ^{he says} I expect much from
him & will not be ungrateful for your services. He must
side with me. I know she cannot be against me -
How I wish you were to be here to-morrow night - if
you had his "our letter earlier, would you not have
come with your mother? Emma thinks much love & long,
constantly for your return. Ever my dear sister
Your most affectionate
Sister

My dear Sister,
I had promised Mother indeed I had asked for
soon to write I now when I sit down at the close of the day after
eyes ears & head for eight or nine stupid negroes for ten hours I
feel as if my intellect could never soar above their dull capacities.
I suppose you will return ere the same date in your own domestic
concerns with the addition of lands to my catalogue - will I think
after all you are better off for you do have the comfort of seeing things
near & comfortable about you when all is over but I feel as if we
never did. My summer at home has I acknowledge quite spoiled me
I was never so disgraced & disheartened before by their laziness,
deceitfulness & dirty habits - but letter written just before Thanksgiving
you will have received by this time as we read yours ^{of the 25th} with great pleasure
night before last. By the time this reaches you you will I hope
have come & gone with you - that is unless a "crisis" prevents -
They have looked forward to it as such a holiday I almost fear
something may disappoint - I missed them so much when I got
to Port Gibson. I could not bear to go over to Annapolis - The girls found
shutting up the house last week - I fear Anne will find much
destruction when she returns - It is astonishing how quick things
go to ruin here unless promptly & daily attended to -
Mama reminds me to tell you that all the boxes etc from Mrs Lewis
arrived safely last week, nothing injured. Tell Anne I groaned over
her "pretty soldier" the better of which she had put by mistake into
Ellen's trunk. The sweetmeats took their usual fate though not quite so
bad - there were only 3 ^{entire} bottles out of the whole (there were cherries) all the
others were half or three quarters full - The box had been set upside down
I suppose from its appearance - They were not gone however & I have boiled them
now & lost only 2 1/2 jars in all so that I value them very much -

but not a word then we heard from Mr. Hoyt or from Hutchinsons
of the shipping of the furniture which was to be done the 1st of
November - & our last dates from New York are the 26th - Fortunately
I shall not be in immediate want of mine but Ellen will need
her dining tables - Ellen will probably go up next week or the week
after, Mary is to go up with her & I will go up sometime in
January as I cannot leave home before New Year's - The last I
heard from Tom Mary was going without waiting for Mr. Butler
when as she is quite discouraged by his constant delays -
Mother saw lots of our Mississippi Thanksgiving. It was delightful
to see the good old custom introduced but many of the natives (Mr.
Fairland) for one) thought it should be kept as a fast day & came
near going without any dinner - We had a very fine sermon
in town from Mr. Angier - We staid at Mr. Corning's all night
on our way up. I stopped to dine on our return so that Mother
did not feel fatigued & enjoyed her visit very much - She seemed
quite well now - indeed much better than she was last summer.
Little Johnny I am sorry to tell you is unwell much of the time
he has had a slight rise of fever every day for more than a
week & I think preceded by a slight chill - It makes him very
fidgety & very troublesome at night - Little Fanny is as sweet a
treasure as ever only more so - always active bright & happy & full
of her roguish tricks & pranks - Willie is sometimes very good with his
lessons & sometimes very bad. His Grandmother is a great assistance to
me in training him in the right way - He had a little party last
Saturday which Eugene & even Louis would have enjoyed. How much
I wish you had sent Louis with us - He would have been a comfort
to his Grandmother on her journey home & would I hope have been benefited
him - I am pained indeed to hear of his weakness but hope care & exercise
will do much for him - Do you bathe his chest freely in cold water by
the mornings - I feel very anxious to hear your account of Louis's
health - She will know how much she is benefited by this respite
from her hydropathical labors - Tell the girls old Mr. Kerr of Hatcher
died last week in a shocking manner. The family had gone over to Gen.
Lichtmans the day of his arrival & the servants I suppose were watching for
the procession - The old lady was left alone & her clothes both fire - before she
could be heard (she is quite helpless) she was burnt so much that she lived but
a few hours - John has written a long letter to the girls directed to Mr. Henry
so if they are there you will have a surplus given but hope you won't think
it too much of a good thing - Tell us about Henrietta & Frances when you
write again - Wish all the children a merry Christmas for Aunt Sally -

for I am sure she would have made her do many things
which she ought to have done - Tell Mamma she is a very bad
correspondent, but I won't scold her for she is too good to be
scolded & I suppose her large family has been the cause - does
she keep up her shower bath through the winter - I feel as
if all New Haven people kept too or those had lost all
interest in me & as if I should be ~~in~~ a stranger in a strange
land if permitted to be with you all again, but if the hearts of
my own family are the same it is all I care for - The
children I wish to grow up with - an interest in suggestion for
each other & not as strangers & aliens - John thinks his children
are the greatest in creation - I am much more cool & do not
give them the credit they deserve. This was always Mother's
fault - a family failing I suppose - you know some other
people always think their own perfection & what is better
succeed in getting others too - I am quite distressed that Willie
should go on such a little ignorance in book learning - not
even knowing all his letters but I can't make him learn & don't
rather not force him - When children go to school they are
much more interested - He is the picture of health in appearance
& has been very sociable & gentlemanly - but is beginning to show a
little more bashfulness & sheepishness before strangers - The baby
is the greatest piece of perfection I know of, both in appearance
& character - I fear nothing will alter her but she is certainly
now the loveliest in disposition I ever saw - rather a perfect fledge
to be sure - It is a pleasure to sleep with her or do any thing
for such a sweet baby - I think she shows some symptoms of
teething already - She has not been baptized yet & consequently
her name is not fixed - John proposes Frances Anne - I do not
like to give up calling her after Mother - John's health is
changeable but has been pretty good since you last heard from me
He is much better at home than when he goes to his other place. He

Came Mt March 4th 1847 -

My dear Sister -

I hope you are do not have as many
anxious thoughts about me as I do about you when I am
so long without hearing from you - Now it is March & my
last date from home was Mamma's letter of the 28th December -
John goes to Rodney to morrow & if I do not get a letter on his
return I shall quite despair & begin to think something must
be the matter - I try to drive away anxious thoughts - but they
will fill my heart often in spite of myself - I concluded not to
wait any longer for a letter but you should get equally anxious about
me & so will send mine off if possible to morrow - To be two long
months without any news from home is rather hard, isn't it? - I
have been so lonely too this winter & so disappointed at not
having Mother with me that my thoughts have dwelt more
on home than ever before - They have had so much sickness
that the girls have scarcely been with me at all & I have had
only my children for company except in the evenings when
John is always at home - Willie is very good company but
Johnny since his sickness especially has been the crossiest little
animal I ever saw & would often, I say, have tried the patience
of a saint, but it is I am convinced a part of his disease
& will not I hope last always - his cry from morning to night
"for something to eat" but of course his appetite is unusually
voracious - His cough is improved since my last letter to Mother
but he takes cold easily - He seems better in other respects - however -
John would not buy a doctor, but has persisted in the water-cure

practice. It has not been carried on with great energy however as I am rather timid & too compassionate - if it had been, perhaps, perhaps Mr Butler may get appointed to the General Assembly he might have been better before this - it seems to be a gastric affection acting on the lungs sympathetically - He has been here from but twice. The first time we gave him Quinine & the second time after having it all night we packed him in a wet sheet in the morning - I have never seen as happy an effect from any medicine whatever. In $\frac{3}{4}$ of an hour he was in a profuse perspiration & far more playful & active during the day than a child usually is after such a night & relief by medicine - I can assure you I went about it with fear & trembling but I no longer consider it unsafe. I only think it a disagreeable remedy for cold weather but it would be a delightful one for the fever which are common in the climate in the summer - Yesterday I relieved my baby of a very bad affection of the bowels by poultices (that is, flannels wrung out in hot water & placed on the stomach) The effect was instantaneous (The child's body must be wrapped in a blanket so that there is no operation) but I shall give you some hopes next summer & do not doubt I shall convert you at least as far as I am a convert - You see I talk of next summer though we know not what a day may bring forth - I feel very anxious to go on & see my dear Mother but there seems no way as yet John thinks he will stay here but he might not to do so & I would not leave him when his health is not good, but he wants me to go & yet I know he will not be ready to leave before July - Anne is anxious to go on & visit Maryland & take Jane to the Water Cure at Bealltown. She says we will do as Mother did, rest on our oars & if we are to go Providence will provide a way for us - but I think Providence wishes us to be more diligent & provide means for

ourselves. Miss Chaplain has no way provided of getting home - that is scarcely probable as Dr Chamberlain is already appointed & is anxious to go. Mr Butler has been in Natchez since I last wrote visiting among friends - he writes that he is much improved but the Dr says he must not preach until June - we think he ought not to preach for a year. Mary gets much in the blues about him & it is not surprising when one thinks of eight children to educate & even with his salary a scanty support - Providence provides for them often quite miraculously - Sending money or provisions from some quarter where least expected just as they are out or in want - They have had a Mr Beebe preaching for them during Mr Butler's absence. He graduated at Yale in '28 is acquainted with Mr Skinner - we are all very tired of him though perfectly delighted with him at first - how soon some people wear out - I went up to town last week to see Miss Chaplain as she had returned from Natchez the Saturday previous - the weather was bad so that I remained there nearly a week - I was much pleased with Miss C. so very kind & friendly. She spoke of Mother's disappointment & said it had distressed her much. They expected from what Fanny had written to meet Maria in Baltimore certainly - She does not wish to go to New Orleans so that we have given it up at least for the present. Anne will come ^{down} as soon as she can be spared from the baby & bring Miss C to make a visit. Ellen's baby is improving somewhat but does not seem well at any time & fretful & troublesome - Ellen was able to take a short drive last week but came back much fatigued. She looks quite cadaverous & I fear will be feeble for a long time to come - I often longed to have Maimie here with

with the number of their duties - They are quite unused to severe study & never learned good habits of application while young so that I do not doubt it comes harder for them - They speak warmly of your & Mother's kindness - They say you are more like a southerner than any body they have seen - do not make strangers of them or young ladies - I presume they feel like children still - I am looking anxiously for another letter from Mother as it is three weeks since I received one. I try to bear the disappointment of her absence with resignation for I know God orders all the events & then as well as here she is in his hands - I am anxious also to hear of Henrietta's plans - I do hope she may find an opportunity soon - poor Mrs Stead had a most doleful time of it & Anne says was almost ready to go back when she reached Cincinnati - One who has travelled on good boats in high water can hardly imagine the odiousness of travelling on small boats in low water with 20 or 30 children in a cabin much smaller than your parlor & a black nurse to every child - one, or by chance, two washbombs for 40 or 50 faces to be washed in every morning in a dirty little hole called a wash room - imagine one of Mr Apley's enduring all this - I am glad it did not come with them as they had such a disagreeable time - Anne left Anne Kate at Cincinnati as William was anxious to get on but Mrs Stead's boat passed them, after all, before they reached the mouth - I have made a sewing Lind like the pattern Mother sent me but there is a defect in the back & it tears easily when you raise the arm - I do not think either they are very becoming except to slender figures - If you have seen or can get any other pattern can you not send it by mail wrapped up like a newspaper I do not mean now particularly as I know you have enough to occupy your mind at this time but at any time through the winter - Will you also ask Mama to put in some cotton woad for trimming children's clothes when she is sending any things & ask to purchase the napkins for me as Anne got them in N York But I have come to the end of my paper without expressing my anxiety

hope to hear of your safety through your coming trial. I trust all will as heretofore be well with you - I do not wish you another bitter red head! - If Emily is with you give a great deal of love to her & with a heart full for yourself & the children I am as ever

Care Mt. Sep. 25th 1848

My dear Sister,

Your affectionate sister, Fanny -

As my last (sent off this morning) was directed to Mother at New London I take it for granted you will feel some interest in us & wish to hear from us also during Mother's absence - I have not written to you especially because I supposed my letters to be consumed properly & there always seemed to be some subject which it was necessary to write to Mama upon & which would not interest you - Indeed we live such an unvaried life that I do not suppose I could make only a letter of much interest to you - The same comes week after week varying always with the season - our literature pretty much confined to newspapers occasionally hearing of a new book when every body with you has read it some six months before - Fortunately you have not in New Haven yet reached the Boston pitch else I should fear to show myself there next summer unless indeed like Anne I provided myself with a Lexicon or Book of Selections from old authors from which I learned something each day to bring in by accident - Anne has amused me very much with her account of her extremely blue transcendental Boston friends at Brattleboro - En passant what do you think of this same "Uncle Chaplain" do you not think the eulogies I have pronounced upon her quite deserved - She is a treasure anywhere & every where - I rejoice you have had an opportunity to see & know so much of her - Oh goodness Jane is a model but then Anne is so smart, discriminating & adapts herself so

well to every body - I never gets out of temper but holds her
peace & looks calm & unruffled under the greatest temp-
tation as I have seen her since her return - I have learned
to scold since I came down here & therefore appreciate this
virtue more in others - She came down the Saturday of
the week she arrived & staid with me all last week as
John had gone to Durosseh & I was quite alone - Every one speaks
of her as so much improved in appearance indeed some think
she has gone back to eighteen again - She is certainly stronger
& going north has done her good in more than one item,
such as taking walks, cold baths, & sewing less & reading
more - sewing was doing her a great injury & she never
would have broken off from her habits if she had remained
here - For all the trouble you have had with Willie
my dear sister I thank you a thousand times - though you have
not had the responsibility of his management I do not doubt
his noise added to your own ^{that} boys has often annoyed ~~you~~ &
wornied, especially as you have been circumstanced - I feel it
to have been a great favor to have had him then & though
very far from perfect, I see a great improvement. If Johnnie
was only there away from those black children I should have
some peace of mind. It is hard work to make Willie study
with no incitements or rivalry but I shall insist on two
lessons every day & I want to know how far Eugene is in
his spelling book & what else he is doing, so that I may in
a measure keep Willie up with him - Even if there were a
childrens school near as I do not know that I should be
much inclined to send him for boys are so bad in this country
& so prematurely old -

-26th-

Our drought is at last at an end after continuing for full two
months with scarcely a sprinkle - The trees had begun to lose their
foliage & every thing was dried up while in town the dust
was suffocating - We have had fine rains both last week & this
week & vegetation is quite revived - Billy tells me something about
your strawberries having died from the drought - & the old cherry
tree that familiar friend how much I shall miss it - I
think you should have some others planted down there - Tell
Mama ~~about~~ my celery with which I took so much ^{pleasure} has died
entirely, five or six long rows of it - I think it was planted only
too early or should have been kept covered all summer -
Poor John is kept very busy & mostly about this provoking
Rodney Bank which brings him no good & only the ill-will
of all creditors. If he gets through with it with his life I shall
be very thankful - as the Courts have given judgments in favor
of the bank the property of many of the creditors have to be sold
to pay their debts - One man a month ago threatened to shock
him or Mr. Ireland should they bid for his property, ^{or any one else who bid} as it is
a fighting country others may do the same - The sale of that
man's property is deferred but if wife have to come on some time
or other - Can you not get William into better habits - I am quite
worrised about his late hours - he will surely kill himself if he goes
on so - only get him to go to bed at 10 o'clock, rise early &
take a bath and a walk & let him see if business does not
prosper just as much - he will feel more vigorous, at any rate, to
undergo its fatigues - John is at home almost as little as William
but then he is exercising in the open air not confined in the close
room of an office -
The Butler children write as if they were quite weighed down

March 21th 1854

Dear Mother

I hope you are well. We came up on Saturday, and went at night to hear that man lecture that was ~~down~~ at the College, but I wish I had not gone; he did not feel the people's heads. I went fishing on Saturday afternoon, and caught five fish; Johnny caught one which he feels very proud of. We transplanted all of our lettuce the morning before we left. Josh had the side of the hen house toward the road almost shingled, and he had latticed the whole of the front when we left. Tell Fanny her strawberries are getting on very nicely almost every one has got a flower on it. Miss Brace is going down to Cane Mount on Saturday and return on Monday, she wants to give out some things for Nancy, but she is to leave us here. Cousin Pennie has got the measles. How do the country mice (as Papa called them) get along ^{with} the city mice (cousins). When we left home Bone had nearly finished the garden, There were a great many roses in the flower garden, and we brought some of them up to Aunt Jane. I have a very bad

sty on my eye. With much love to all. I send a kiss
to Blanch & Nora

your affectionate son
W B Murdock

P S please get me a new French Dictionary

among the Chippewa Indians. I almost tremble
for his safety when I think of all the perils
he may be exposed to - I try to cast my care
upon God & pray him to take care of him, we
are exposed to dangers at home & abroad - but the
some heavenly Father can protect us -

If you need more drawers Miss Chaplain would
let them make for you - Do not be exact -
against yourself but always liberal to
your friends - I felt as if your late for
summer clothes was very large - order
two or three pr. of shoes made in New Haven
& have your measure there - You might get
them sent up by express when you need more
unless you get equally good ones in Pittsfield
or Stockbridge - Could you not find time to
take drawing lessons next winter.

Dear little baby has been very ill since I
wrote you last - but her little life is spared &
she is a sweet little thing - She had very
high fever for 2 days & on ^{the} second night
while in the pack, she went into a spasm
She was relieved somewhat by a warm bath
& I ~~sent~~ her sent for Dr. Goldsmith & also Mr.
Buckner ~~who~~ The Dr. brought leeches & applied
them behind her ears which relieved her very much.

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the ever
as long as an
Days of the Dr.
lanced in my
before yesterday
she is now
of my father
and anxious to
see how you
enjoyed your
vacation. I
hope to hear the
next account of
you - Tell me
all about it -
when you go
and comfort
myself
God bless you
my dear boy
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leaves
my father
in a bad
place. This
the father
the leaves
in Chicago - The leaves with

the two since had a most interesting
in a couple of hours -

return but my many cares have prevented
I feel quite distressed that your vacation is
almost begun & you know not what to do -
You may be sure, my dear sonny, my
disappointment was as great as yours can
be to hear to tell you that you could not come.
Aunt Mary has been opposed to it all the time
thinking it was a great risk for you to run
more especially this summer since there is so
much sickness here. I have never known so much
any summer that I have been here. I have been
perfectly worn out with seeing & prescribing for
sick people - & to look forward to the next month
in dread of an epidemic is doleful indeed.
The summer has been very hot & I suppose that
is one cause of there being so much sickness.
Mr. Chaplain was to telegraph to you on the
9th but the lines were down & I presume

Miss White of Niagara
Dear Mary
I am very glad to hear
of your health & hope
you will be well soon
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you did not receive it until the 12th. In would I
have got to Stockbridge the same day, as I suppose
it reached N. H.
said would make you wait as late as
possible & I fear a little that you will be
disappointed that you will start off as soon
as school closes - I hope my precious son
that you may have a pleasant vacation even
though your disappointment will be great.
Johnnie Robinson has repeated his invitation
to you & you can spend a part of it there & a
part at Rochester & New Haven. I think Pa
would give a good deal to have you out there
with him for he says he wishes he had Johnnie
instead of idling away his vacation there -
You must improve your holidays in reading
as well as play - I am bold of some history
that will be useful - You will find yourself
very ignorant when you get into College if you do
not improve your holidays in this way.
My right - you is very sudden &
unexpected. I feel very uneasy about
her going out as it is so late & already yellow
leaves in her bloom I think perhaps her friend

would prefer to have her go than to run the risk
of her staying it is not probable she could get
home before the last of October. & as she does
not think she can remain all winter it would
be foolish for her to run the risk of staying
the next three months - You will feel
almost tempted to go back to Stockbridge
to see her. I heard from your dear Pa this
very before yesterday. He was going to Camp
Paul - ^{from Tappan 40 or 60 miles from St.}
or rather to be under the guidance of a
boatman & stay in the pine woods near Cham
plain Falls. for 5 or 6 weeks so that I may
not hear from him in that time. He seems
well every way but his cough & breathing
which is not clear. This he hopes may be
remedied by life in the Pine Woods. He says
every one tells him it will. He went to
Pineapolis & dined with Mr. & Mrs. Trebatu
(William Trebatu) of New Haven - She was threatened
with consumption but has quite recovered her
health by living in that region. Papa says
the people are very rough & every one for himself
He does not seem at all pleased. He will be

Dr. of the party - After the supper The servants
Came to say that they might be allowed to have
the washing of the China & glass until morning,
they were so exhausted - They rose at daylight
washed up all the China & glass the whole
family put down the washing in the morning
broom, and had an elegant breakfast
Set out - Delicious Salspica - Light biscuit
Mutton chops - fish - But up peaches - Cakes
Pomeroy John - to give you very particular
his party; As I hope you will not weary
my very account - John has gotten some thing
in first order in the Plantation - Servants
first - he is running some of his wagons
& is greatly interested in everything in the place,
but nevertheless is quite ready to attend you
in Europe - Indeed saying to go & finish his
education - With proper advantages, he will
make a splendid man - He has many of
his father's best qualities and only requires
cultivation - We are greatly disappointed with
John - When at the party - He showed nothing
from him - Think either he must have gone
to you, or finds him more attractive, for even

an old letter of
Fanny

Something strange. It sticks up stairs - He can
suffer me about having used much in the hall
and I told him I should not agree to any
thing of the kind - The company invited were
all quite young & I thought it more suitable
& refused to confine the drinkables, to light
wines - But if any one should take a little
too much, it would make the party unpleasant
with the young ladies - and after the 15th July
here & in London, when some of the most
respectable young gentlemen in town were
seen & getting through the streets, I told
me boys, if there was any thing of the kind
at this party, I intended to have the
offender picked up, by Ben & Sam, and
sent by land to the States - I think
they should not ^{and frighten} the ladies -
At the same time (as you may like to
agree) I did not participate any thing
of the kind worth a care - Just after supper,
John came to me & said - "Must take
Sam again there is a letter too much
drinking going on up stairs - Capt B is taking
the gentlemen up every five minutes & I do
not know him - to restrain it." I expressed my

Indignation in two very measured terms as you
may imagine that there should be any thing
of the kind upstairs. John expressed it "that
he had a little of the January, who was playing
for the dancing & could not do without it"
& the boy had found it out and was making
the joke - But was now quite intoxicated -
Had become so uproarious that John was
obliged to bring the Champagne - at the dis-
posable - & for the night I told John to have
the servants brought immediately down-
stairs; but to assure me it was almost
entirely exhausted - I told him the
young man must be taken off & he told
me Capt B had just put him to bed.
A few moments afterwards, I happened
to go to the front door, and the first person
I met was this young gentleman, who
bowed to me - I then called at the
J.B. Capt B - & told them that "this
young man must be kept out of the
house or sent home; or I would have
the servants to carry him off - Capt
B. immediately undertook the service &
soon rid us of him - There were others

Considerably under the influence of wine &
but none suspicious. As to the other three colors
disagreeable - The ladies generally did not
know any of this, I am happy to say, &
soon to enjoy every moment - Indeed I began
to fear they did not intend to go home
at all - I went off myself. I took a good
nap. The candles had to be relighted
twice during the evening - The servants did
exceedingly well, took as much interest in the
party as any of us - Some had the whole
plantation in one day, had the ~~W.H.H.~~
yard cleaned, weeds cut & road put
in order to the gate - One on the other
side of the road, to the garden the same
day - I promised the servants to take
from the front each 25 pence I am sure
they will expect to hear of some words
of commendation from Mistress in the
next letter - Jimmy volunteered to come in to
the pantry and wash up, for fear some
of the nice China or Silver should be broken
or lost - Amanda asked for an allowance of 10 pence
to work for the party - She also promised out the