August 7th 1837

Tuesday. Here I am in Macon. Mrs Jones drove me in in the gig — all well Mr Bragg was going to write you to say he will defer it ~~[illegible]~~ soon sends love by this — we go back this P.M. — left the chicks with the negroes — Mrs Munroe is not as well — Mr B. Mrs Jones & self are going over to the McCarthys next week Mrs Lippitts youngest to be baptized — once more love to all — write immediately — C.

Dear Sister Hetty

How dare you write complaining of my silence when I have been looking for a letter from you for six weeks past — How dare you? — I have imagined all sorts of reasons for your silence — Isaac came out yesterday P.M. & brought the letter with the package from Mr Shotwell — I was glad to see it I assure you for you know I have made no additions to my wardrobe waiting for their arrival — the waists will not reach round in spite of tugging & pulling — they will meet until about three hooks from the bottom & the white dress is beautiful with the cape — the muslin, needs trimming I will see if I can get any more, but dont think I can — 7½ yds is a small pattern & Mr McNiel would hardly spoil the other dress — I wish you as regards a blk silk to get what you think will be most durable & handsomest — Italian is old fashioned I suppose but there is a figured silk same both sides that wears well — but get a fashionable dress, & have it made pointed waist handsomely with a cape — its shrinking will be no objection to me — it will be my dress frock you know, — will you be able to do any thing with the hats — if the velvet could be taken out & lined with the same of the hat — trimmed over &c. I should think they might be modernized to look very well — tell me about it — I think some of sending for Bill a suit — plain — for Sunday clothes — will you enquire price &c & tell me — if I conclude not to get one you must get a pattern of Henrys for me to cut by —

You must give a thousand thanks to Aunt Betsey for her handsome present — if she has not received an answer to her letter, it must have been lost — but I will write her again soon —

in answer to your question of "am I &c." I plead truly "not guilty" I am very delightfully situated this summer — Isaac comes out Friday evenings & stays until Monday — we have plenty of horses &c

dont she write to me — I had a very gratifying & pretty letter from Samuel — which I shall answer soon — I wish John would write — I should write him but dont think it proper for a lady to commence a correspondence with a gentleman — that is his business! Remember me to Mr Carter — is the 20th of next month to be the happy day — Bill jumps at the idea of your coming back!

In a week as I have said I shall write to Mama — oh how I should like to see her as well as all — when will that be? I suppose you will be married in Church & have witchcraft walks about the wedding as your elders have done before you — sit down & write a good long letter & tell me every thing, why cant you do it? — You know what I wish particularly to hear about. Mrs Jones sends love to you — she is attending to supper & I play lady this week — we live well. — I most heartily reciprocate your wish of being here with us — good bye dear sister & believe me ever
Your affectionate Sis. Carrie.

N.B. — my waists are too long above the hips behind — you know how short I am in the waist — they wrinkle — a very little longer than my last winters dress fits me — nothing comes up to that — but I hope the blk silk will blue blk — that will not spot — keep accounts & I will refund —

Have my blk silk made a little larger than these — I am very fleshy & if I fall off can take them in — I wish Aunt B. would write — her letters tell something: — Why dont Mary Lucas write me? are goods selling low or not in N.Y. — if yes I want to send for a few but I have heard they were high — —

Miss Henrietta Whittelsey,
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Long Island.

MACON GEORGIA AUG 8

& scour about the country at a grand rate. Mrs Kimberly, Mrs
Consul & Mrs Ward are a couple of miles from us - Mrs Jones &
myself are keeping house - get along without any trouble
plenty of every thing about, us, & a good cook - we talk of
going to Macon this week - Mrs Jones will drive the gig -
Mr Jones wrote he would go over to see you. - Mr & Mrs Nesbit,
&c came & spent nearly a week with us - they are in Macon
as well as Mrs Day for the summer - Mrs L. T. Rowland has
lost one of her little children - there is considerable sickness in
Macon fever &c. - Isaac had a slight attack of fever - they
had a general parade & he was obliged to be out in the broiling
sun two days - the third he was laid up - his health is now
excellent - good appetite fat & hearty - which will describe us
all - Kitt is as thick as she is long - eats all day - corn fruit
& every thing. - Mr Bragg is quite well coming out next week
to see us - he has been much afflicted with biles on his nose -
he eats a great many peaches, Mrs Jones says they were peach
blossoms - Mr Ware has been out twice to see Miss Kitty -
& sends papers & books occasionally he is well. -
I heard from Mr Munroe - who enquired particularly
about you - his wife has presented him with another
daughter - I dread to hear the announcement of the name
but breathe it not! -- Miss Ellsworth I suppose is married, she
was to be to Dr Mann. Mr Bragg "was sent for," but "could not
come" on account of his nose - Mrs Raines will be home in
about three weeks when I shall resign housekeeping - I had a
severe "attack" during last week - more like last summers than
any I have experienced since - am better now - out of porter
is probably the reason - not a bottle to be had in Macon - I have
substituted port wine - but not successfully. -
Nesbit has been disappointed about getting his house done I hardly
think they will get in as soon as they expected - Mr Carter better
write to Mrs Usher before you come & enquire about it -

they might be willing to give up their parlour to accommodate? -
I will answer Mama's P.S. in a letter, in the course of the
week - I wish either you or her would be more explicit -
can you not write as you would talk? - you promised me this. -
we are yet undecided about what we shall do - Isaac cannot get a
house, but may possibly be able to during the fall. - As soon as
can be, I will inform you of our arrangements &c. - I wish to write
~~her~~ Ma a confidential letter upon some of my concerns - so I give you
all warning that you are not to open it first. - Usher
have it to herself. - there is but little going on in Macon -
it is said Russell is engaged to Miss Kimberly but those reports are
not always true. - Isaac sends much love to you all. he will
write to Mama very soon - he commenced a letter a couple of
weeks since, but one thing or other prevented his finishing it. -
Our church is but thinly attended - Mrs Baber (who was so dread
fully distressed for fear Mr Bragg would go North & shut up the church)
has gone to Habersham for the summer - I shall write a congratula-
-tory epistle to Mr Monroe to morrow & will remember you to him - he
thinks you did not treat him with much candour - I have n
heard from Eliza McCarthy - should like to know how those
little motherless children are getting along. - Lippitt still keeps
out there. - I am doing quantities of sewing here. I and my
maid who really sews very well. I should like to own her
she will make a first rate sempstress. - We have had dark
gloomy rainy days lately - but previous very warm - ther mometer
in Macon near 100° - here 92°. - If you see a pretty little Hat for
Kitt in your peregrinations take possession of it - You know how
the Gent. fret about her unbecoming hats - was your straw
"in vogue" when you got home? - I have flourished in old cottage
with the blue ribbon I had on in McDonough all summer. only think!
give much love to all the dear family, you say nothing about the
little Seymour - is Mary's health good? - much love to Mama
Aunty B- William Luce children & yourself. how is Eliza Luce - why