



Philadelphia April 27th 1848

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my bodily health is very good and
I hope these lines will find you all
enjoying ^{good} health if nothing happens
we shall be ready to leave this City
the 29th for Boston we get a whole dollar
and a half a ton for coal pretty big
business I assure you I do not think
I shall have to go fishing If I make
another as good a trip as this will be
If I had come direct home from N York
I should have been more than hund
red dollars better off than I shall
be when I get to Boston if we have
ever so good luck in getting there
I mean to have enough to eat drink as
long as I can get it and I hope
you will do the same tomorrow
I shall look for a letter from you
I sent you twenty dollars in a letter
from N York which I hope you have
received so good, ^{night} I believe I will turn
in and finish in the morning

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