



Newcastle Sunday Sept 29<sup>th</sup> 1844

Dear Friend Eliza

A rainy dull Sabbath and I am obliged to stay from church, how restless is ones mind on such a day having talked a little, and read a little, and thought much about redeeming my promise to you, I find my inclination to exchange thoughts with a friend has overcome my aversion to letter writing and I am already comfortably [se]ated beside the airtight scribbling whatever chance [di]rects. Now you know where there is aversion the consequence is generally neglect, so you will not wonder If have failed to improve my peculiar epistolary gift and you will with friendly charity excuse wherein I fail to interest especially as I do the best I can, oh! what lengthy introduction say you, well, I am through and now for further remarks.

We arrived safely at home the next day after we left of seeing

Portland and the pleasure ^ home and old friends fully compensated for all fatigue. I have been somewhat lonsome since I have returned do not have so much of a variety in the country to divert ones mind as you do in the city, it is rather a dull life with little variation (some exceptions however) but still for a contemplative mind and one that loves retirements would deem it pleasant and so it is in the summer

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 Date: Sept. 29, 1844  
 Description: Letter to Elizabeth Mountfort from Elizabeth with family news and comments about the antislavery movement.

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is a melancholy seasons to see the green herbage flowers  
and foliage of the trees fading and dying cannot but remind  
us of the frailty of human life. I am not a going to eulogize  
upon the beauties of decaying nature, I leave that for some  
abler pen \_\_\_\_\_. I suppose that you attended the convention  
and no doubt you enjoyed yourself I have thought much  
about you knowing what an advocate you are for the slave  
and such a strong abolitionist that of course you must  
have had a feast. Wish I could hear some lectures  
on the subject, I must acknowledge I have not thought  
so much about the slave since I have been at home -  
I did in P find I am not all "abolition inside and  
out" I hope I have some inside that is, enough to wish  
for their emancipation and <sup>to be</sup> treated like fellow beings  
I hope for the time will come and that speedily when  
it will be the case. The Babbist associations meet here  
this week, I suppose we shall have a great deal of company  
and that is what I like it enlivenes one and makes it very  
pleasant, as it is late, I shall have to draw my letter to a close  
I expect you will think it needs closing I do. I want to  
see you very much indeed, we are all well as a family but  
sickness prevails in our neighborhood fevers especially give  
my love to all that inquire for me write me a long letter  
soon as you receive this, do not wait a year before you  
answer it, love to H and Ann and to the rest of the family.  
(write me all the news) (yours with affectionate regard),  
P.S. Elizabeth  
Direct your letter to sheepscot Bridge Newcastle

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