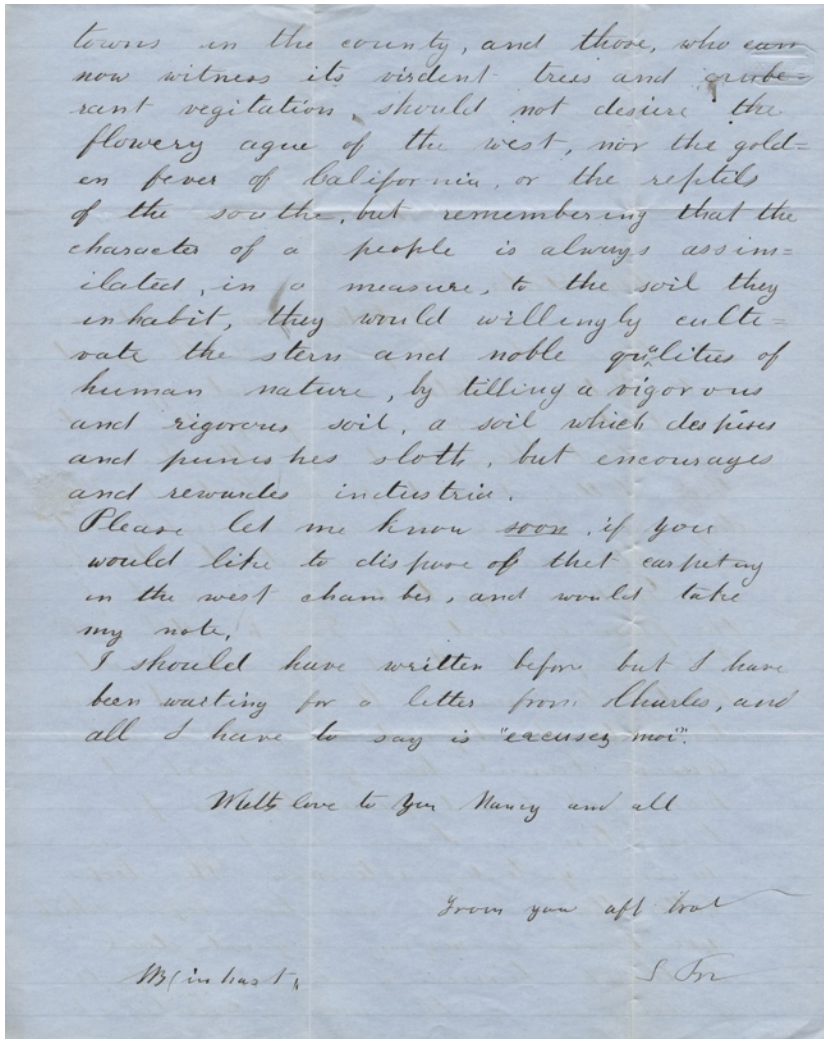


Limerick May 21 1851

Dear Sister -

Yesterday noon found me at home; where I found all things at rest. Father & Mother well and affairs, about the premises, so perfectly natural, that they need no attention in this letter. I went from B. to P. Wednesday saw Cousin J. who "is right side up with care". I called at Uncle's in Gorham, yesterday, saw most of the family and P. Gooch. "All well" They expect Aunt Hannah and Birdy to make them a visit soon. Friends at Alfred as well as usual Cousin Daniel has gone west. I have not heard from Charles for a long time. Lucia called at our house yesterday afternoon. She looks better than I ever saw her before, which you know is saying a good deal. I think Limerick is, or is capable of being one of the most beautiful

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towns in the county, and those, who can now witness its virdent trees and vibrant vegetation should not desire the flowery ague of the west, nor the golden fever of California, or the reptils of the southe, but remembering that the character of a people is always assimilated, in a measure, to the soil they inhabit, they would willingly culti=

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vate the stern and noble qualities of human nature, by tilling a vigorous and rigorous soil, a soil which despises and punishes sloth, but encourages and rewards industrie.

Please let me know soon, if you would like to dispose of that carpeting in the west chamber, and would take my note.

I should have written before but I have been waiting for a letter from Charles, and all I have to say is "excusez moi".

With love to you Nancy and all

From your aff brother  
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