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[Envelope addressed to: Mr. Orris Marsh Napoli Cattaraugus New York]

Dover May 23 1842

Dear Friends; I take this opportunity to inform you that my health is good, and had a very good journey excepting we had the misfortune to get on board of a very slow boat, we left Buffalo Wednesday morning the eleventh the Captain of the boat said that he should get to Troy in seven days, we stayed on the boat nine days then left at Amsterdam ; went on the railroad fifteen miles to Synecdocky ; then took the stage to Troy ; we arrived at this place on Saturday morning the 20th our friends in this place are all well ; I went to meeting last Sabbath I saw a number of old acquaintances but the most of the congregation were strangers to me ; I was extremely fatigued when we reached Buffalo ; was sick one day on the boat since that I have been quite well ; we expect to stay here about four weeks, it is possible we may longer, we calculate if possible to make a quicker voyage home than when we came. I am now to Mothers I expect to go to Uncle P Perey's today I have no further calculation about visiting. I should like very well to know how the boys enjoy themselves and whether they behave well or not. My expenses were some over seventeen dollars. Well Newton and Adelbert, I must say to you again I wish you to be steady, pay good attention to your school, and finally be good in every respect ; if you could know the anxiety your dear Mother has for you I am sure that you would not have any inclination to do wrong. Anna jane thinks that she shall have much to tell you when she comes home. Newton, I wish you to take good care of your garden, I must close ; please remember me to your friends in that place.

Yours with respect,

Artemesia J Marsh

Elizabeth Marsh

If it should happen that I cannot come home as soon as I expect I will write again