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Jackson January 29th 1838

Dear Aunt

I did not think so long a time would have elapsed, after our arrival, without writing to you. We arrived here on the 25th of Dec, safe and well, but Sea voyage was rather tedious, 25 days from Boston to New Orleans, no disaster happened to us, contrary winds for the first 8 days - I was very sea-sick, and have no ~~idea~~ wish whatever of going to sea again - I am perfectly satisfied with sea voyages a sea life is so dull and monotonous - We found things very much changed, since my husband left here in July last, Edward Learned died of a fever in Sept, last, we did not hear of his death until we arrived at Vicksburg, and the news fell on us heavily, we have lost a valuable friend; and to his family his loss irreparable -

How we shall succeed is yet uncertain, our expenses are great, but Mr Learned's business is ~~to~~ ^{to} be good, but what makes against us is, the smaller part of our goods came with us; the Charleston was full and could not take them on board, then the Cherokee was to take them, which was to sail on the 1 of Dec. Mr Learned ^{heard} that the Cherokee was lying outside the bar at the mouth of the Mississippi River on the 27th Dec. has heard nothing more from the ship - and nothing about his goods; it makes very much against him as his sales would be much greater on his whole stock, the India ^{Rubbers} are behind and all his shoestrings and tools for making holes and smoothing off the pegs - we hope they are not lost, and that we shall soon hear from them but it gives

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is a great deal of anxiety. We have heard ^{only} once from home
 & we are now anxiously waiting to hear again; we all have care
 and anxiety about something that interests us - How ^{is} your
 health this winter. I have often thought of you and family
 your health so bad when I left - I hope ere this you have
 recovered - Is Uncle Samuel's family in Boston this winter
 if so where do they board - Do you have a cold winter?

The winter here has been mild - we have Salads, Radishes
 and greens from the garden ever now. Cousin Louisa Learned has
 been gardening for 2 weeks past - Planted Peas Irish Potatoes
 Radishes and Salads, we have some cold frosty nights, but
 we consider our winter is nearly over - My husband say he
 shall write to Uncle as soon as he can find out about his goods
 and that was the reason he did not write before - but I
 thought I would wait no longer but let you know we were
 alive - Give my love to all inquiring friends and accept
 the same for yourself and family - write soon - and let me
 know how you all get along - From your niece -
 Mary H. Learned

Dear Cousin Augusta,

How do you prosper this winter, do you
 find time to practice on the Piano, or do other duties employ your
 time? Mrs Learned intends taking a school this next fall in this
 place - she wants a teacher of music and one that will assist
 her in the afternoon in other duties, ^{in the school room} she has two sessions

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in a year 5 months each, the two nearest months she will not keep - she says she will give you \$500 per year - board you in her family and have your washing and Ironing done, out of school your time is your own - I think Mrs Learned would not be very hard to please, yet you will have inconveniences to encounter - she has ^{no} separate room for you but thinks she can make you comfortable, It will cost you \$100 to come out and the same to return - Articles of dress are very expensive here - and it will be economy to provide a wardrobe sufficient for a year, Consult with your parents and friends, it is probable that you will have an opportunity of seeing her in June next as she talks of visiting ^{him} - he will ^{make} ^{arrangements} ^{hoped} in a you can converse with her and any arrangement proper - I expect that my husband and perhaps ^{it} self will return to this place next fall - you would have an opportunity of coming out - should you wish it Mrs Learned wanted I should write to you about it, so that you would have time to prepare yourself, - Write me as soon as is convenient, and let me know what you think of it - Give my love to Mrs Freeman, and inform me how she prospered with her veil - mine I have done nothing to it my eyes are so weak I doubt whether I shall be able to ^{write} ^{to} ^{write} Give my love to all inquiring friends - and except the same for yourself - your Cousin Mary El Learned

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When I see Augustus which will be in some next if
nothing special prevents that is the calculation now
we will talk the matter over — write soon all in
good health —
M. G. L.

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Feb 4 I have kept this letter 4 weeks in hopes of
hearing from our goods and home, we ^{have not} heard from either
For a few days past we have had cold weather; un-
comfortable, to know as cold as we had in Boston
before we left — Perhaps Augustus would not like to
risk a summer in Jackson, I should not recommend
her to stay in the hot weather — altho many do —