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Clarissa Wadsworth to Elizabeth Lewis

Farmington Feb 14th 1849

Dear Eliz

Your letter I received in 2 or 3 days after being mailed. I am glad to hear you are getting along so well nothing but an overruling hand reserved you from so much exposure as you had. I get along very well after I left Waterford except a little scolding. Mr Fake probably told you of our trouble there. We arrived at Springfield about half past 1, I very soon met Mr Nortons man Robert, he see to the changing of our baggage and getting checks and he enquired if I were going to F, told them I should not that night, but had a lady with me who would like to go, he said he had a Horse and wagon in Hartford and would take her and her trunk with pleasure, so we got into the cars and had everything in applepie order, your mother took a eat front of me, laid down her muf, cloak, bandbox and satchel. after a few moments she sprung up and says to me you take care of my things and don't let anybody take my seat, I am going to stepout for a few moments, she had not been gone for more than 2 or 3 moments before the cars moved and left her, she had paid her passage and token ticket. When we arrived at Hartford I took a carriage to and took all her things along with me, otherwise I think she would have lost them, hearing there would be another train between 9 and 10 oclock, myself and Henry Dodd went to the depot and met her as she came out of the cars and glad she was to meet us. Charley was in the same train just returned from to take a ride. Mother went to Georges stayed the night and then took the stage for F. I came here the next Saturday engaged board at Mr Winships at 2 dollars 25 cents a week. I did not get my things on until the next week on Friday although I Wadsworth promised to bring them on Tuesday, had he done so they might have been safe, but as luck would have it they were heavily mauled and damaged 2 chairs completely smashed good for nothing, a rocker broke on each rock chair, both headboards to the bedstead broken in two, besides injuring elsewhere. the cars came in about half an hour before he got there and ran against them, an opening the boxes I found that one of the round peers on the pillars on my looking glass stands on broken in two so I set Mr Winship to work mending my things, he charged me between 2 and 3 dollars 25 cents for putting up my bedstead, it snowed when my things come and were put under Woods Woodhouse and W un pack them and brought them over, it took him the most of one day to do it, probably a smart man would done it in half a day he charged me 2 dollars. Winthrop charged me for bringing them out of Hartford and paid nearly 4 for freight. I had to have all my chairs varnished and Bedstead. when it was put up I found my Casters were missing probably were not put up so I sent to Hartford and bought a new set so now if you would look down upon me you would say I looked very nice and comfortable. Albert and wife have been here about 4 weeks they are about to start to morrow for N York, says he has sold out and Mr A. F. Williams is down flat failed, in

December Aunt Fanny has sued him for bad management in the settlement other affairs. I have had quite a good number of calls, people seem glad to see me back even the called to congratulate me on my return, they all enquire after you wonder when you are coming and how does the baby, I have not said one word about him, give him a little bit of a kiss tell him Aunty W. sent it to him. Mr Walter Clark has lost his wife, she died in childbed, left a daughter a week old. Abby is 3 months on the way she swore me not to tell of it so I have only wrote down it. Mrs Edward Hart has a daughter, it is said that E. Wadsworth is going to marry Dr Rockwell he lives in New Breton. You told me to write you all the news, I have not heard much as yet, Jane had a letter from John saying he would not sail until the 15<sup>th</sup> What do you hear from him, write soon and tell me all about it. I showed your letter to your father,he could not read it, I told him I was somewhat puzzled myself, he says I must tell you to write plainer to old folks, yesterday Mrs Amazie (?) Root was at work at Julious Cowles trug lard in the wash house, her dress caught fire and burnt her so badly it was thought she would not live a few hours, have not heard from her this morning, since I have been deprived of my two chairs, I should like my best cricket (?) I think Charley talks about going to California but I think that is all, Jane looks better in health than when I came Remember me to Mr & Mrs Fake also Dr and Mrs Preston Mr & mrs Chester and Aunty, also Mrs Cramore and Mr Melamun and who inquires, do not let anybody see this letter

Yours affectionately,

C. Wadworth