

(John Hopkins (him))

Seneca, Mass. June 6. /76

My dear Friend -

Your letter find me in Seneca and up to my  
Athens journey, which was too severe for me in my  
present condition of health - as well as by the cares  
which beset me here. 'Blessed be nothing' as my  
Grandmother used to say, and as I feel whenever I come  
into the responsibility of my property - even to write about it  
is a care to me - I am quite at a loss to under-  
stand Mr. Ogden's silence, because he could easily have got  
someone to write for him, to explain why he did not do  
so himself - it looks discouraging, and I feel it on your  
account - to whom it is of such pressing importance.  
However, you will probably know all - before this can reach

you - I accept whatever you suggest - you are the  
moving principle, and must move at your will - my de-  
partment being simply to feed & tend you duly - this  
I will strive my best to do - if I can only feel a little  
better <sup>&</sup> stronger - but just now I am not good for  
much, even the cares of housekeeping and the necessity  
of fixing my mind on daily bread & meat & veg<sup>bles</sup> is  
quite too much for me.

I shall hope to be better after a time and shall do  
my best to keep you supplied - but oh the difficulties  
in the way! real ones - <sup>exist</sup> not lions - though they are  
rampant - Mrs. Cushman brought me some materials to  
look over - among them a diary of C.C.'s own - written  
before and after his arrival in England in 1845 - not

1 extending much over a year - and so finely written in  
pencil that I could only decypher it with a magnifying  
glass! - no letters yet. Mrs. C. must first go over them  
herself, and each one of them is so long and so finely  
written that it would take an hour to go over it. -  
May God give me strength for it - and if he don't -  
weel - I shall think it is all right - I am grieved for  
11 your uncertainties dear - and it must not be - If  
Osgood cannot decide quickly we must apply else-  
where - but for myself I am glad of what you tell  
me - that you shall be able to go on without hurrying  
me - for I am at present utterly unable to give any  
mind to the work - I write in haste - while  
one waits for the letter - Adieu -  
Always yours faithfully E.S.

Present me to the Peacocks with love - ask Mr P.  
if he has yet got any glimpse or clue to Mr  
1 Tiltors pictures. They were in the Supply  
- the steamship sent out to collect books for  
the Cent<sup>l</sup>.

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