

Swampscott. Mass

Sep. '12' 1868.

Dear Mr. Rusk

I am in many respects  
forming delay in replying to  
you should try business like  
letter. which invited a more  
speedy response. But I have  
waited, hoping I might be  
able to accomplish something  
with my man of business, and  
advise general - in the matter  
of "Swampscott Quarry" and is  
not with, until I could say

Something decided - I was over  
anxious to be associated in some  
way - in some matter - in which  
we mutually loved a friend  
was interested - but I have been  
unsuccessful with my good  
friend Mr. C. - who prefers  
to put my savings - into North-  
-Carolina at I' Home - where he  
lives, & he says, can better look  
after them - I am a woman, I  
am somewhat at the mercy  
of a man, who is, supposed,  
I do hope with justice, - to know

better than myself, what is for my  
good - I am ashamed to have  
given you & your good father all  
the trouble I have done, in this  
matter. I hope you will forgive  
me that - as well as my delay  
in writing.

I presume, you are, by this  
time, at home, & therefore send  
this note to the care of our dear  
friend - I hope you & your sister  
have derived much benefit  
from your sojourn by the sea.  
I have been here for a week, &  
though not bathing, yet walking  
upon the sandy beach every

day. has made me very well & very  
strong.

Commended me to your father  
& your sister. I hope to have the  
pleasure of meeting you, during  
November - when I hope to come  
to Washington.

Believe me very truly yours  
Abel Smith