Saturday Morning 20th, 1851.

It is a pleasant morning but a little foggy and I shall sail this forenoon as the doctors are all on board. Allison has gone over to New York to see about getting away. I have not anything particular to write. I received Lydia's letter. I have not answered it, thinking this would do just as well. Tell her she must write often and the children give my love to them all. We shouldn't be very glad to receive letters from you both. Give our love to all our friends and tell them to write often. The new house is along state and I shall have to close any letters hoping that we shall arrive safe home to you all in health and happiness.

I am your affectionate Daughter,

Mary E. Howard.
Brooklyn, 17th 1857

My dear Parents,

Having a few more moments I thought I would write you a line. I am going down on board the ferry today and shall stay with one. It is a very hard rain. Think of me still going down the stream if it is not too heavy. The boat is quite well but is rather cold this morning. I can see that he has come some in walking he will stand all alone and not go along. By things and before the shores of it he is standing alone. Thought upon a little show had left even it two of time three times. Last Wednesday we went to get his Secured the one for you another one for the other there is not very good. They are to check one if there was lighter the baby will be good. I still understand by every. I received a letter from Lydia the week before our Basett had got Miss Kendall to keep house for him. I hope he will get along nicely keeping house.

Little have been here, I have thought that it is better to have that carpet taken up, and I wish that you would get May to look to take it up and put it in the bedroom up stairs. It is a good place for you know not also get her to take the top off of that table and put it with the rest of the things and the other part of it to the great basket it is not because there is not found. I have here to put something in the carpet to keep the moisture out and you will oblige me.
My Dear Parents.

Having a few spare moments I thought I would write you as I promised you. I came down on board yesterday morning and Mercy with me. It is a very hard rain storm we shall go down the stream today if it is not too stormy. The baby is quite well but is rather cross this morning. I can see that he has gained some in walking; he will stand all alone and go along by things and before he thinks of it he is standing alone. I bought him a little straw hat has worn it two or three times.

Last Wednesday we went to get his Daguerrotype one for you and one for another time is not very good they are to dark it but if [---]ne was lighter the baby would not be good. I will send them by Mercy. I received a letter from Lydia she wrote that Mr Bassett had got Mrs Anderson to keep house for him I hope he will get along nicely keeping house.

Since I have been here I have thought that it be better to have that carpet taken up, and I wish that you would get Mary Patrick to take it up and put it in the close room up stairs; if it is a good place you know best; also get her to take the top off of that table and put it with the rest of the things and the other part of it to, she need not set it up because there is not room; have her to put something in the carpet to keep the moths out, and you will oblige me

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I am your affectionate Daughter,

Mary C Howes.