

Ms
Mr Isaac Pinck
Washington

My dear Mother

Most worthy and affectionate Father

I have permitted many weeks to pass since I last saw my dear Mother, and have not written but hope I shall be excused for this time for waiting for the elder ones to write. I left B. on Monday with Cousin P. and rode as far as Granddaddy's; stopped at C. until 8 o'clock. Morning, took an extra stage arrived at Whitehall about an hour before the boat was ready to start went on board at 1 o'clock landed at Port about half past 1 took the stage went as far as Mr. Pierce's, staid until 9 AM and arrived at home found Mother in very low spirits, she ^{had} been expecting me sometime and had begun to despair of ever seeing me again.

Our family are in good health; the children study very well some part of the time Janet has learned her letters and begins to spell in words of two letters. I think she is going to learn much faster than Abigail but she learns very well. We have just received another letter from Father which gave great satisfaction to all the family. Eliza sends her best love and says tell Grandpa that Paul calls his name very often. Mary Pierce is here, and wishes to be remembered to Father. Madam and Carter has gone to Knoxville to school. The family are in good health. Uncle W. Mrs. and John's families were in good health the last we heard from them.

Grandpa Mother and all the children send their love and will write soon. Adieu for the present please accept the love and best wishes of an affectionate Daughter.

Eliza Finch

W. H. Finch