

New York, July 27, 1858.

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letter, dated some time between May 15th & 25th, is missing. As the correspondence has been seen by no one here save Mr. Gay (who saw that particular letter before, not since it went to Boston) and as I know that I put the several packages in my table drawer the very moment they came from you, there can be no mistake in my conclusion that that letter is still in your hands. It is not possible that I could have ^{separated} ~~taken~~ that letter from the others, since I have had no occasion to look at it till now. All the rest of the correspondence was in the place where I had carefully laid it.

I am sorry to bother you so much, but I must beg you to do your best to hunt up ^{the} ~~that~~

~~Other~~ missing letter. Mr. May & Mr. McKim are both wanting to see the correspondence.

I would be glad indeed to go to the Abington & Milford celebrations, for I am very weary of confinement, but ^{it is} ~~too~~ difficult ~~to~~ to leave my post. Perhaps I may be able, by a strong effort, to get away. I will see what I can do.

Yours, truly,

A. Johnson.

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