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to his son in law of Washington the Berard

Liverpool August 2. /58

My dear Washington -

We arrived here by the
 Lordi yesterday, this morning - Our
 passage was very agreeable - After two
 or three days of head wind, not strong,
 we had light favourable breezes all
 the way - & had the chance of seeing
 us off on the banks - but the pleasure
 of seeing our ice-berg, in one day, some
 very large - but all keeping a respect-
 ful distance - Though the head winds
 of the first days were not much as
 to raise much of a sea, they made
 a sea which being short & choppy, caused
 a great deal of sea-sickness on board -
 I had more than at any time since
 my first passage - Sam & Mr. Beave
 very soon gave up - On Saturday (was
 in bed) I got on deck again

I have got the entire whistling - on that
on Sunday, I was able to divide the
Morning Prayer with the Rev. W. Gadsden
of Charleston who with his wife & niece,
(all very congenial persons) were fellow
passengers - & to make a short address -
Naine & Margaretta were well enough to
attend the service. Then they soon
got quite well & enjoyed the passage very
much. The sea was throughout so
calm that we had not once waves
much higher than are frequently seen
on the North river between N.Y. & Del.
- Bay City - & except one rainy day - there
was none in which the upper deck
was not pleasant all the time. The
two girls lived on the upper deck - from
the time they rose, till they went to
bed which usually was at a late hour -
They are delightful companions to each other
& to me & have found very pleasant ones
in the party above mentioned - We are
all here together at the Adelphi, our
girls & Miss Gadsden occupying one room,

Mr & Mrs G. another, & another &
having a sitting room for all -
They are very desirous of being of our
party on the continent - & so probably it
will be - Much expense in rooms
& carriage hire & fees will thus be
saved for all - Especially if we leave
earlier - To day, Naine & Margaretta
& the Gadsdens are gone to Chester &
Elton Hall & the Menai Bridge to
return tomorrow morning - I stayed
aboard because I need the rest, having
lost my sleep the two last nights in
consequence of the noise of getting the
ship ready for port - A good night's rest
will set me up again - I increased
much in strength during the voyage
& had no return of an oppressive sense
of weakness which before I sailed, had
come over me, usually in the latter part
of each day - I kept a diary journal
which I send to Mr. M. & she will
send it to dear Mary - How much
I thought & we talked of you all. Mary's
writing was a sweet refreshment to look on.

Now little Nani & I expected two
months ago to be this side the ocean
at this time - I found Bro. Davis of
D. C. here - having arrived two days
before us - He is at the same hotel -
Nani would send love, if she were
here - She has written to Emily -

Our warmest love to precious Mary
& the sweet ^{little} ones - Your brother Cornelius
called the day we sailed - to give them
\$50 - of which you & the boys each help -
It was very kind in both - My friends
in N.Y. came forward very kindly
to my aid & gave about \$900 in a very
agreeable way - & my dear brother adds
a letter of credit which will far ex-
ceed my needs - The Lord keep &
bless you all - A Father's hearty prayers
blessing - Yours very affectionately
C. P. McSwaine