

Letter
Mrs Stewart
20 Feb 1869

Scrib. John. February 28. 1869.

Dear Uncle

I received your letter informing me of the present you were kind enough to forward and to day it came safely to hand it is really a very handsome present and I thank you very sincerely for it although as you say it might have looked rather better with the gilt still it is quite immaterial after all as the marble may stand more usage. I am happy to learn that you have such excellent health. but am truly grieved to hear that George and his Papa are so poorly. I trust as the warm weather comes on they will both regain their strength and health. Poor little George what a trial to think

of that fine bright fog being
cut down by such a bad disease

We have ~~we~~ have reason to be
thankfull been exceedingly well
I take a good deal of exercise
out in the fine weather which
I have no doubt helps to keep me
from taking colds and John
is always busy in the Lord they
have at present about ~~15~~ 15 Bonds
but will increase as the weather is
becoming more favourable for their
work. They are now relieved
from a good deal of anxiety about
the large Ship ^{though they keep it quiet} as they have
sold her to a Firm - at Liverpool
for ~~it~~ ^{Cash} 5. eight Pound five Shillings
Sterling when she reaches home,
as soon as she reaches Liverpool)
They is to be a three decked
Ship. They consider this offer
not very good but then they

think it well enough taking chance
of the times. They will have
a number of Hards on Shortly
and expect Launching if possible
in July. I have no doubt from
what John says. but they will make
something else by the transaction
and more particularly if they can
just keep Mess. Wags down
a little. the Small one they
will not do much at until they
Launch the other one. there is
a every appearance of times being
more ^{high} here very sporty and
care that the men may be agney about
more stir in the place

However I think I would be
quite contented to be cheap just
as comfortable as we have been
since our Marriage. but these
Ship Builders always wish
to make a little more & more
John talks of going to Penn

