

Let this  
Miss Stewart  
March 1858

Robert  
Dear Uncle

Dear Uncle

I received your acceptable letter I was thinking long to hear from you almost fearing that you were unwell or perhaps displeased at me I am very sorry that the Boy should occasion you any trouble as I was under the impression that all the trouble would be nothing more than giving the Boy to the Agent which Mr Stewart did and on payment of one Dollar was given to understand that there would be no further trouble the Agent gave him a receipt and when after receiving your letter Mr Stewart went down to the Agent again who told him that there was no danger of its not reaching its destination and also he said that he was responsible for it if it should not reach I hope there will be no more trouble about it to annoy you we must not trouble sending anything that way in future again

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I thank you for the interest you take  
in me as to be<sup>10</sup> anequis about my health,  
My health I am happy to say has  
been quite restored. The Hoarseness and  
sore throat are now quite better indeed.  
My health was never better than it is  
at present. I take a great deal of  
out door exercise indeed I may say  
I am out almost every fine day  
the greater part of the Afternoon  
I have not at all a lonely time  
of it as I have become acquainted  
with many very pleasant persons which  
makes up in a manner for those  
I have lost. You speak of coming on  
to St. John next Summer would  
you please to let me know what time  
you may be expected? have you any  
intention of visiting Picton next  
Summer I should like very much  
to go on myself. if the time suited  
~~permitted~~ by Sister in Law talks of going  
home on a visit in June and perhaps



remaining home for two months or  
so if this be the case I dare say it would  
not be likely that I would like to leave  
my husband alone so long. Old Donald  
Sutherland from Pictou comes to see  
me sometimes. Poor old man he  
appears to like to have a chat about Pictou  
again. He appears to be clearing his way  
pretty well. he has a son a very fine  
lad who is a clerk in a store in the  
city. Times have been very dull the past  
winter but I am happy to say that  
so far as I can learn there has been  
no such thing as starvation. they have  
many very good Charitable Societies here  
to make inquiries and relieve the distressed.  
Now it appears rather singular that so far  
as I can learn there appears no real  
destitution among the Scotch or English  
it is almost wholly among the Irish.  
The Penitentiary and Poor Houses are  
both full of Irish and that is very much  
owing to their habits of intemperance and



dissipation. ~~But~~ Number of the <sup>Ship</sup> Builders  
have commenced work again and as  
summer comes on it is likely more will  
soon follow but Gollas here not yet  
commenced as they do not wish to be  
in too much hurry but it is likely they  
will soon follow. They have not yet  
come to terms with the Gollas but it  
is likely will do so I believe we are  
better off than many other Ship Builders  
and not nearly so deeply involved as  
many if they have not made much  
they will be if their Ships are any ways  
well disposed of all ready to do  
something when times become more  
favourable. I hope your leg is  
<sup>though</sup> slowly getting better and that the  
exercise in the Spring will make it  
quite strong again. Have you any  
intention of visiting Britain next Summer  
I think a little Travelling will be  
just what you require to make you quite  
strong the Prospect of my seeing you makes  
me feel very much pleased indeed  
My Husband writes with me in Best wishes  
James Fleet