



Antis Chamber
Sunday evening
1840

Dear Mr. Williams

Anna wrote to
Bernard from Chaudiere Junction
I telegraphed I wrote again yesterday
all of these being intended partly
for the benefit of the family so that
I have had no qualms of conscience
at my own delay I will say nothing
of our journey down. It was a warm
evening when we arrived & the temperature
was as hot as we have lately had it
in town. Today clouds have obscured
the glare of the sun I kept it cool
but have greatly disappointed me by

drifting just without bestowing a
 drop of rain upon us - gunshous &
 newly plouted flowers alike craving
 for water. The flowers have given
 me some extra trouble as Bancroft
 was ill & could not help me till yesterday
 in the afternoon & then he worked so
 languidly that I had to take a heavier
 part than I wished; to-day to my hope
 that the rain was just about to fall
 I have covered & uncovered them
 four times. The trees are in fairly good
 condition, the grass tall & rank - the
 lower part of the ground is thickly
 covered with strawberry blossoms with
 an upper strata of dandelions, now in
 perfection of this last time. Anne
 protests against cutting the grass &
 dandelions because the strawberries
 would be sacrificed. What say you?

3 Lived as I was last night I did not
go to sleep in peace until I had seen
Mr. Haigo's new house. So Anna & I
sallied out after the workmen had
left. I peeped & tried to find as far
as locked doors & windows will allow.
You know its situation in the middle
of a thick grove of spruce, not one of
which appear to have been cut down
unnecessarily, only a good many of them
have been mangled by having their lower
branches mercilessly cut off, in the fashion,
The gable ends of the house are towards
Mrs. Major's & the Hotel. The house does
not appear longer than ours but much
deeper & the entrance is in the gable
end next Mrs. Major's. A broad flight
of steps leads to a broad verandah which
continues round the front next the sea.
The parlours open on this verandah & seem
larger than Mrs. Reeperts. With chimney

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to open fireplace. In short it is I shall
judge the best house, I certainly the
prettiest situation at one end of the is.

Neither Anne nor I felt equal
to the exertion of going to Church today
so here at intervals read I talked
together. Tonight both servants here
gone to Church I write while A. puts
little folks to bed when we propose
to read again. My thoughts have often
wandered home. I feel as if I had deserted
duty I had no title to expect ease or pleasure
I have lifted my heart in prayer that the
loved ones may live in peace one with
another. I do earnestly hope George looks
more cheerful I that the Confusion which
begins to manifest may not annoy or irritate
him. Do keep away from the discontents
yourself - Muggie will rise to the occasion
if you trust her. I am glad W. did not
come with us there is inevitably two days
of settling. for altho' we are really very comfort
able

today. I clean from top to bottom
There are many finishings awaiting
tomorrow. So thus I fear having
any writing for the day. but I must
stop now as it wants to ~~add~~ add a
line tomorrow.

~~one~~ ^{Monday morn.} shower during the night
today air cool with cloudless
sky. There could not be a lovelier
day.

I have not missed anything
yet but I doubt I shall find out
some wants before you come
down. I have not taken time to
look over the writing materials. I
see from where I sit an immense
pile of your manuscript papers. I as
you see have found a miserable
pen - my own not being unpacked
don't forget that although it appears
long to you since I left that I have

only had one whale working day
here & the unpacking of the groceries
& arranging them is a half days work
for me. by tonight I hope to be
quite settled. Oh such a job!

I must stop.

With sincere love to George
& Rankine & very much to yourself

Your pure loving wife

Maryard

