



Wm. A. Richards

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Camden, Sept. 15, 1857

Dear Absent Brother

It is with feelings of disappointment that I now write you, unpurposing, to let you know where I am. I left Ellsbore the 10<sup>th</sup> inst, arrived in Camden the 12<sup>th</sup>, My health <sup>has been</sup> very poor for about 6 weeks, & it is so poor at this time that I think it would be imprudent for me to start a home on such a journey, as I intended to. I think I shall have to stay at home two or three weeks, and if my <sup>alth</sup> health improves, I think I shall come and see you yet this fall, for it seems as if I could not give up the idea of seeing you. I am very sorry that your <sup>alth</sup> health is very poor indeed, Martin's wife says she <sup>thinks</sup> that Elsey is in a consumption, I have