

No 4

Tell Mary there are 2 pretty Shetland Ponies here and they are always playing & eating around the Stables & pond also a large tortoise shell cat with 4 kittens but they the kittens are not through bred or I should have brought a pair home for her probably. I may bring a pure bred Newfoundland puppy home if I can.

How are the beasts several & individually the chickens ditto including the cows & work stock.

When the mares come home. Balloon & Nannie C can go together in the lot where Mr Cromwells grey mare was when I left home & the grey mare with the cows. Georgie Woods in her old lot in front of the stable on the hill. Sally of the Valley in the lot adj work stock lot viz the old blind mares. lot.

Kiss the children & tell Mary & Kate I will write a combined letter to them when I get some more paper.

Mounton Monmouth Co

New Jersey
Carissiana

June 10th June 1842

My Dear Wife,

Your welcome letter of the 3rd postmarked the 6th June was received this day viz 1 hour since, and found me ready re thereabouts for my dinner, which was Ed Shelby ham Bryant Peaches Jersey wheat bread ^{Yorkshire Butter} & tolerably good water, but the latter not near so good as ours in the cooler.

I write to you the same day I receive your letter every time so far & if the mail fails blame Grant Administration Don't lay the blame to me!

Sly boots ought to be kept shod if possible, without being hurt. Why not catch Squeezem when you want to catch Slyboots & then lead Bill & Squeezem Slyboots following to the