

Louise Hill Nov. 25<sup>th</sup>

My Dear Friend,

When we parted at Oakland I fully expected to see you the next day, and to have enjoyed the gratification, - a melancholy one, of making my adieu.

But on reaching our Hotel at Lexington, Miss Gray, to whom I referred the decision determined to proceed immediately, but on might be delayed indefinitely, as the water had already begun to fall at Grayville.

Accordingly we resumed our journey the following morning, reached Louisville at midnight, next day in the afternoon embarked on the Ohio, and got home a few <sup>week</sup> thereafter.

I have since been to New Orleans for a few days to hurry the workmen & to set things to rights. All will be ready - & my family as well as myself look forward with great pleasure, to a renewal of the times & gratifying to us all, in former winters. - We leave here in 3 or 4 days - I can spare you a little while with Elliot & other friends near Kates, but rely confidently on seeing you during the second week of December in Canal Street, where mutatis nominibus, every thing will be as formerly in Carondelet Street. The ladies present to you their affectionate greetings - Anna with her love & duty. Most respectfully,

and faithfully, your affectionate friend  
W. H. Brewster.

The Hon<sup>ble</sup> W. Clay.

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