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Providence May 10<sup>th</sup> 72

My darling Boy,

May 2<sup>nd</sup> was received this  
morning - I am thankful  
that terrible disease is  
abating and pray no new  
cases may occur - my  
uneasiness is great and I  
wished "Pa" to send for  
you to come home. I do  
not wish you to run any  
risk. If it is considered  
contagious or new cases I  
think it would be best to  
come home. I feel doubly  
anxious since you speak  
of festivities. Don't you think  
it unwise at such a time  
to be making in Am. Co. you

can't be too careful. How  
strange, as poor as a disease  
is conquered, it comes in  
and forms baffling human  
skill.

Pa registered a letter  
for you for Monday, con-  
taining \$100. which I  
hope you'll soon receive.  
I thought you would have  
purchased your clothes on  
credit, which would have  
Pa has been annoyed not  
getting it ready sooner.

Don't pain me  
my darling, by saying you  
don't think of the spiritual  
fourth. perhaps you are  
deceiving yourself or seeking  
in your own strength  
only believe. Faith is  
as small as a mustard  
seed - the good Book tells  
us will save. "Opportunities with my Pockets full -

neglected, often repented  
of - and you my Boy are  
enjoying them now, and  
have an opportunity of  
finding out the Christian  
belief, and instead of  
making me gloomy, it  
should have the opposite  
effect. For when we feel  
consecrations of doing our  
duty, to the best of our ability,  
we must have an inward  
happiness, that cannot be  
taken from us - God does  
not demand from his  
creatures impossibilities.  
"You give me thy heart."

On Tuesday Eve, there is  
to be a Wife party, at  
Mrs Blackburns for benefit  
of Episcopal Church. Lizzy  
sent me word to come  
with my Pockets full -

This, makes the condition  
so hard. I fear I can't attend  
for money is not as plenty  
as leaves in Valambosia

Mrs Smith has rented  
her house to Birk Roberts  
and living with her mother

Well I only started to  
write you a line and  
a beautiful perawl it is.

But if you can decipher  
the scribbles you will find  
they spring from the deep  
Fountain of a Mother's

love, in which Ia would  
join me, were he here.

By the way, Ia expects to  
go to P. O. in a week or  
two to settle up my dear  
Mother's little Estate.

Your loving Ma  
Sarah J. Bernard

Your directions quite stylish