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O with what joy did I see Ge Lancey Walton arrive this morning!
Edward & I after shopping & paying two or three morning visits, ended our
tour by a call on Miss Walton & Miss Trachs. We had talked in almost
every strain & I had at last got into Lamentations. So long without
hearing from home! I am almost reduced to despair, but a rap at the
door revived me. It was a stranger, Miss W. received him with a def-
tant courtesy untill his familiarity convinced her it was the expected
brother. I can scarcely thank you sufficiently my dear Susan, your letters
are just in the style I wish but I need not all the packets for both parcels
(I came together) I am amazed at not finding a syllable from Peggy. But I
well know her dislike to writing, & this united with domestic cares may be
sufficient excuse. I scarcely know what part of your letter to attend to first
it is all so acceptable. How different must my dull scrawls appear! but that
will not deter me from writing particularly. I told you there would be a gay report
on my departure, it was the time to expect something, & you have indeed kept it
up, these new beaux so smart too, alas what I lose! & to what end? but I
will not complain tho' I cannot cease wishing the period of my return had arriv'd
I am sorry my first letter did not reach you, but your address was very right, only you
are ~~in~~ ^{at} Lebanon. The name of this place is disputed & tho' I am on the spot I am
not wiser in the matter than yourself. The stage I mentioned comes only to Herdsback
but if you continue to direct to the care of M^{rs} S. he will find opportunities in the course
of a few days to forward the letters.

As you desire it I will write to Helen if I have time, but Morton's going unexpectedly today embarrasses me a good deal. I have so many to write to that I do not know which to address first, therefore this letter to you will be short. Doctor Johnson has a very long one in charge for you as well as one to Papa, but tho' I am confident that M. will now reach N. Y. first, as the Doctor's rheumatic complaint & some dis-appointments have prevented his going at the time expected, yet I would ^{not} take back the letters as they will be the means of your knowing when he is in town, & I owe him so much that I must solicit every return of attention. Don't fail to ask him to dinner even if you do not see him Papa can send a note to Doctor Treats. Morton can satisfy your enquires therefore I will bid you adieu as I have to write to the Bayards

Eloise Livingston

Tell Jenny we ate the last of her cake yesterday & it was still excellent. I wish I had another such, the bread here is so oxid & if we should not get flour from M^r Van Schuack before our biscuits are gone, we shall be in a sad plight. If a direct opportunity to the Springs should offer (which is scarcely to be expected) nothing would be more acceptable than water & butter biscuits. You know I do not like meat, we cannot have pigs or puddings & the bread would not relieve if my appetite did now begin to grow very keen. This is really a lady's postscript! with love to all once more adieu!
M^{rs} Bell from S. T. is out for this place the 10th watch her arrival in N. Y. & if she has room

Lebanon Springs August 5th 1795 send me loaves & either cake or biscuit. We can get no beer & water water eternally is insupportable for my fever. will not allow me to drink all sorts currant shrub, tho' she is liberal in her offers.

If you have plenty of mutton beef at home, perhaps it may be convenient for
Mr. Bell to bring it. I had no idea that we should find ourselves & aunt
had made provision of this sort & I feel mean at having nothing. I have
~~written this since~~ heard your letter since the lads have been here in waiting
no wonder then I have ~~received~~ received meat trousers at a terrible rate, but thank
heaven it is not quite as bad as this.

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