

Thomas Cole Papers, 1821-1863; bulk, 1821-1848

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Series I. Correspondence, 1820-1855

Box 4, Folder 1: Cole family letters, 1820-1839

From	To	Year	Month/Date
_____	Thomas Cole	1820	October 9
Pendlebury	James Cole; Thomas Cole; Sarah Cole	1825	August __
Pendlebury	Thomas Cole	1829	December 25
George Ackerley	Thomas Cole	1834	August 29
George Ackerley	Thomas Cole	1835	December 26
James Cole	Thomas Cole; Sarah Cole	1836	January 17
Sarah Cole	Thomas Cole	1836	February 13
Sarah Cole	Thomas Cole	1836	June 24
Sarah Cole	Thomas Cole	1836	July 3
George Ackerley	Thomas Cole	1836	July 14
Thomas Cole	Maria Bartow	1836	October
Thomas Cole	Harriet Bartow	n.d.	
Thomas Cole	Maria Bartow	1836	November 10
George Ackerley	Thomas Cole	1837	February 3
Sarah Cole	Thomas Cole	n.d.	
Sarah Cole	Thomas Cole	1837	March 15
George Ackerley	Thomas Cole	1837	March 25
Emma Ackerley	Thomas Cole	n.d.	

Thomas Cole	Maria Cole (Bartow)	1837	April 11
Thomas Cole	Maria Cole	1837	April 16
Thomas Cole	Maria Cole	1837	May 31
Thomas Cole	Maria Cole	1837	August 8
George Ackerley	Thomas Cole	1837	August 24
Thomas Cole	Maria Cole	1837	October 20
Thomas Cole	Maria Cole	1837	November 30
Maria Cole	Thomas Cole	n.d.	
Thomas Cole	Maria Cole	1837	December 3
Thomas Cole	Maria Cole	1837	December 6
George Ackerley	Thomas Cole	1838	January 10
Thomas Cole	Maria Cole	1838	April 18
Maria Cole	_____	1838	April 20
George Ackerley	Thomas Cole	1838	July 19
George Ackerley	Thomas Cole	1838	October 10
Sarah Cole	Thomas Cole	1838	November 6
George Ackerley	Thomas Cole	1839	May 18
George Ackerley	Thomas Cole	1839	May 30
Thomas Cole	Maria Cole	1839	June 9
Maria Cole	Thomas Cole	1839	June 11
Thomas Cole	Maria Cole	1839	August 3
Thomas Cole	Maria Cole	1839	August 16
George Ackerley	Thomas Cole	1839	August 20

My Dear Tom

Wayne County Indiana 10th mo 9th 1820

I am afraid that thee will begin to think that I had forgotten the promise I made when we parted last, of writing to thee - but my time has been so much occupied since my arrival here, that I have had but little leisure for anything, and during my voyage on the river, I seldom had an opportunity of writing - I have now become somewhat settled, for awhile, at least, and have begun to employ my leisure in writing to ~~the~~ friends I have left behind me, among whom thee is neither last nor least in my estimation -

I had a very tedious passage down the Ohio, the events of which may be interesting to thee; but whether they will or no, I will give them, for I love to talk of the wonderful achievements of Thomas S. Year - I left Steubenville as thee may recollect, in rather a blue mood - When I parted with your family, it seemed like parting with the last friends I possessed, and, turning my back on all the social endearments that render life desirable, I was going into a wilderness, to be the associate of a race of men, almost as savage and untamable as the beasts on which they subsist - Such reflections were not calculated to raise my spirits much, and I abandoned myself entirely to the blues - The fit, however, wore off in a few days - We came down to Charlestown in the afternoon of the day we left Steubenville - 7 miles - Next day, 7th mo 14th, came to Warren 7 miles - 18th Samuel Martin (the owner of the goods) and I, made an excursion to Mount Pleasant and Smithfield - They are both neat villages - returned in the evening to the boat - on the 20th we arrived at Wheeling, and made a stay of several days - Having become completely tired of our boat, my sold here here for a saddle and bought a skiff, 32 feet long, into which we stowed our baggage, and came on merrily at the rate of 35 to 40 miles per day - Saml. had named our large boat the Experiment, being the first trading voyage he had undertaken; and I claimed the privilege of christening our new vessel, and chalked in large letters, on her stern, 'Deliverance' - While we lay at Wheeling, I had an opportunity of witnessing a sample of slavery - A rough ferocious looking Kentuckian arrived there with nine slaves, whom

he had purchased at the Eastward, and was taking to his plantation in Kentucky. One of them had run away three times, and to prevent a repetition of it, he was chained to the way on which conveyed their baggage, and at night slept under it like a dog! There was an iron collar round his neck, to which the chain, about 40 feet long, was attached. They arrived in the evening. I saw him next morning standing exposed to the gaze of the people. This spectacle however, excited but little notice. Such things are quite common. Thank Heaven, I was born in a part of the country where chains are reserved for criminals only! I saw the runaway next morning. He was a fine stout looking man - he was a man! and the air of insulted manhood that marked his countenance, seemed to afford a proof that his spirit was not yet so far broken as to render it safe to trust him without those bonds. We fell in with the boat in which they were, several times afterwards on our passage, and once saw this negro at the oar, with the whole of his irons about him, the chain coiled round his neck. We left Wheeling on the 25th found our skiff to work much better than the flat boat. Next morning we arrived at Grave Creek, 12 miles below Wheeling. About half a mile above the mouth of the creek is one of the largest mounds I ever saw. It is 87 feet high, about 15 yards wide at the top, and between 100 and 200 at the base. There are several large forest trees on its sides and top. One of the largest which I measured, was 14 feet in circumference. It is a white oak. These works must have been accomplished by the united labour of a number of men, probably for the purpose of interring their dead, as human bones have been almost invariably discovered in those that have been opened. Who this race of men were, by what means they first came to this country, and whence, and how long it has been since their total extermination, are questions that can never be solved. The circumstance of there being large forest trees of slow growth, on the mounds and on the entrenchments of their forts, is a proof of their antiquity, since there can be no doubt but that the land was clear of timber when those works were erected, and as long as they were occupied. Whether the present growth of timber is the first generation (if I may use the expression) since their evacuation, is also doubtful, though it probably is, because the banks would

in all probability, be washed down
the earth before so long a time could
be necessary to the growth of another.
The present Indians though they carry
traditions down from father to son
succession of generations, have not
any satisfactory accounts of the an-
tiquities. The accounts they give are so
vague, that no dependence is to be placed
on them. They are even unable to give us any
their own introduction to this country
affords any light to the question. It
is some that those works were erected,
and that their projectors perished by the
appears to me very improbable. The earth
period, was not so overcharged with
to render it necessary for them to ex-
ocean to seek an abode, nor were they
acquainted with the art of naviga-
out of sight of land. Besides, these
since have mouldered away, and no
left. But there is no use in puzzling
any longer. I arrived without meeting
worthy of note at Cincinnati, on the
after a passage of exactly six weeks.
Here I was detained a week, wait-
ance for my baggage out to my Brother
red on the 22nd, and thus ended my
ter having been out 73 days, travel
smoked (on the Ohio) above a third of
istad at the libations of five gallons
and performed several other feat-
unanimous and heroic. After I was arrived, I felt
much worse dissatisfied with the place than I was
with Philad^a, and would have gone back immedi-
ately, had not pride deterred me. I had taken leave
of home for two years, or forever, and it looked too trifling
to return in two months - so I concluded that the best

he had purchasible plan would be to hang - Fortunately
tation in Kentuck this in execution, before I heard of a
and to prevent school master - Several of the neighbours
on which come a school if I would undertake it,
it like a dog! suppose I was not slow in accepting
which the chain 25 scholars at \$2.00 per gr. board found.
in the evening - do tolerably well yet - But my paper
the gaze of the, I must conclude with my sincere
notice - Such all thy Father's family & thyself - Thos S Lewis
born in a ite soon and let me know what is doing in
criminals its, for I am totally secluded from all chan
was a fine anything - Direct to Richmond Wayne Co Indiana
of insulted
to afford a
as to render it

We fell in with
afterwards
oar, with
coiled round
our skiff to
morning we
about half
of the largest
15 yards wide
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of the largest
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17 1/2
Thomas Cole
Steubenville
Ohio
Eaton
17 Oct
posting
Single

rounds
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Mr J. L. Gale
No. 353. Greenwich Street
New York
America



Sarah and Thomas are both
at Bepey if he comes to
the Spring. I have not much to
write you often. We all join in
kind regards to your family.

[Vertical text on the left margin:]
I am glad to hear from you
and hope you are well
I have not much to write
at present but I shall
write again soon
I am your affectionate
son
John

My father is writing to you
and is good an opportunity to
send a few lines to you.
I am glad to hear from you
and hope you are well
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write again soon
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son
John

[Vertical text on the right margin:]
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John

heard of the beautiful marriage, It took place
on the 14th inst. You will perhaps be surprised
when I tell you that I was the bride's maid at
the ceremony, and had a most delightful
chance to see what you see in the best manner
of basnet, the job is well done. I was really very much
pleas'd with the party, and I hope to see you
at Warrington, before you return home, after very
every thing worth notice very much de-
sired, the society of the country, I have
had an invitation to the wedding in God-
by a Mrs. Dalglish, who has a brother settled
at York, but I have objected to defer my visit
that Mrs. Dalglish's invitation will be sorry to hear
of it, and to participate with a young man
in the present business, which has
turned out as I have reported, and in
consequence of which his wife has re-
turned to his parents, and Mr. D. has gone
to his father's at Longport, his affairs are
still in a very unsettled state. Mrs. Thomas
is married again, his lady's name
was Patchiffe, and is a very pleasing
young woman.

Dec. 25, 1829

My dear Thomas

I know you are vexed, or rather displeas'd because I have not written to you sooner; & perhaps you expect me either to offer some good & substantial reasons for my neglect, or to stand condemn'd. I confess that I suffer justly, if you think proper to visit me with a punishment commensurate with my crime. I fear I must adopt the latter of these courses; for you will hardly admit procrastination to be a sufficient excuse for my conduct, & perhaps if I say that I have been much engag'd with some borrowed nos^s of the Lancet wh^{ch} I wish'd to read & return, this may meet with exactly the same fate as its fellow; that is, be reject'd as worthless, & hence as lumber fit only for garrets & their remote places smoky heads - but never be introduced to the notice of any reasonable man. However, I crave mercy, ~~if~~ for your goodness; & from the well known efficacy of your disposition - think I have some chance of obtaining both.

We arriv'd safely at Keapey ^(at 2 o'clock) early on the morning of the Friday after we left London. Our journey, on the whole, was as comfortable as we could expect. At its termination we found a good supper ready for us, & my father & all the rest waiting anxiously for our arrival. Since then I have made most wonderful progress - I am almost as lusty as Leon was - & almost as strong too - I am happy to say - My wound keeps well; & the use of my arms almost entirely return'd - As for my mother, her

journey to the Continent has ^{added} some years, I hope, to her life -
I fetched back the roseate hue of youth to her cheek - so
much does travel effect, when it is conjoined with the pleasure
resulting from a consciousness of soothing the pains of others
& particularly that pleasure which a mother feels when she
watches over the health of a son she loves, & perceives that
the means she employs are powerfully efficacious in fetching
back strength, & spirits. Sarah was so well, I understand,
when she set out, that her friends at home could not detect
any very special difference between her looks on her return
& then - I am happy to say we are all well, at the present, at
present. And my Aunt Mary who is with us seems in as
good health as I have known her to be for some years past.

You perceive from the date of my letter that I write
on Tuesday - but we now regard it like any other day -
even ~~Tom~~ does not dine with us - for his business will
not permit of his being from home. Two good things, however,
remain, in the week of other - these are the roasted goose
& the pheasant. If with you were here for a leg or
a bit of the breast - though you are, perhaps, much better
employed - or at least more profitably so. I trust you
are working hard & making much progress with your pictures
I hope you will be able to get them ready for the Exhibition
& ~~expect~~ ^{expect} to be in London towards the middle of Jan. &
shall, perhaps, have an opportunity of seeing them,

and you know my critical taste in matters of this sort is pecu-
liarly ~~valuable~~ nice - Hence my opinion is peculiarly valu-
able - but you shall have the benefit of it for nothing -

You will be sorry to learn that poor Mr Southworth
was buried last Monday, having died on the preceding
Tuesday -

My father & mother, my Aunt Mary, & the rest desire their
love to you -

I remain, my dear Sir,
your affectionate Cousin
Geo Audlebury

Keapen - Xmas Day -

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has left a little blank paper
at it by writing lines



Thos. Cole Esq.
 41. Grafton St.
 Fitzroy Square
 London

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New York Aug. 29th 34

Dear Thomas

I received your letter, but not perceiving any thing that appeared to require an immediate answer, I deferred writing, thinking something might transpire.

I am glad to find by a letter Sarah received from you yesterday that you are pleased with your work - I should be much pleased to pay you a visit, but since the cool weather I feel better, & as I have something to do I think I shall hardly get as far as Catskill this fall - We have a good deal of bowel complaint in the city, dysentery, Cholera &c the report to day is 24 deaths by the latter, the highest number this

visitation - I am in hopes it will soon
begin to decline - the family are all well
the disease is mostly confined to particular
& dirty neighbourhoods - I am just called off
& have only time to say that the price
of Combes Phrenology is \$4 - Constitution of
Man of Physiology 4 - Henry has been
with the plaster to the house you directed
in your letter but the person is not there
neither is he likely to be there for some
time -

I am yours truly
Geo A. Buckley

30th Nothing fresh - I am going to
take Henry & Emma a fishing this
afternoon. I have not had a moment
since writing the above except in bed
& they are gulping down their dinner
in great haste, so you must excuse
a vacant page
yrs
G. A.

Dec 26th 1835

Dear Thomas

I am happy to say that Emma is better this morning, which you may imagine makes us feel like new creatures. She is of course still very ill. It is quite uncertain what the result may be, it is however a happy thing she is some better. She has ^{been} sitting ^{up} ^{and} ^{down} ⁱⁿ ^{her} ^{bed} ^{with} ^{her} ^{feet} ^{on} ^{her} ^{bed} ^{by} ^{my} ^{side}. I can scarcely look at her & promise myself she will live, but we naturally magnify every thing when excited. If the navigation should permit Sarah coming down we do not hesitate to say that we should be glad, - our anxieties are of the most complicated kind. We have had difficulty in getting a boy & girl & are hourly afraid of their leaving us, they are frightened by the neighbors & now the name of Scarlet gives us an ^{extra} ^{measure} ^{of} ^{afraid}

will very soon start them - We should be
exceedingly sorry that you should arrange
your affairs on account of us, altho we
should be happy to see you if you could
come with your picture, we don't wish
on any account you should alter your
plans - If Sarah can come (we hope the
navigation will be open when you get this)
she will ^{be} welcome in the extreme - Don't
make yourselves unhappy, it does you harm
& you know it can do us no good, but
if Sarah can come, that ~~would~~ ^{will} cheer
us beyond any thing - Mother is here
& as sharp as ever & I will take all the care
I can she does not injure herself - It is well
Father & mother keep so well or May & Ann
could not be spared - I need not say
how thankful I am to them all, they
need no thanks, ^{now} they are full of goodness
& as deeply afflicted as we are ourselves.

Believe me my dear Thomas,
Yours affectionately
G. A. Kelley.

I forgot to mention I have just received your
letter of the 23rd. - I beg you will not
alter your arrangements - finish your
pictures & then come on W. Day

I have no information about W. Reed
I have not time to get any for this letter -

J. Cole Esq.
Barthol
N. York



Dear Tho & Sarah

We recd. your letter & was very sorry to hear of the Death of
Mr Pennum - we were glad to hear that you were both well your Mother is
much better I am much the same as usual. The Family are well both Dorcas
& ours, Emma is recovered which is not a hot one expected, we particularly wish that
you mother of some days now as we hear it is so very dangerous we have had a very
dear (Prescriptions) as we have had no company with the Doctor as we have been
very little Expense notwithstanding we are quite out of money
Mary is going on very well I wish you it is very cold at Catskill
as it is here Houses from a bad time, in the Streets are blocked up with
snow I am afraid you will not be able to read this letter
The Fire heats ~~and~~ burning & blazing yet
We all join in Love to you both

From your Loving Father

Jan 17 1836

James Cole

Dear Mr. Jackson

I am very glad to hear from you and hope you are well. I have not had time to write you more than a few lines.

I am very much interested in the progress of the cause and hope to see you soon.



John Cole Esq

Catskill

Put my care



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New York Feb 13th 1836

My Dear Thomas,

I arrived here last evening after a very tedious & disagreeable journey. Mr. S. Thomas will have told you that we did not leave Hudson until late in the evening, as the stages of the Red-bird line were full, and we had to wait for the old line which proved to be very poor & full of passengers, not the most agreeable. Captain Mills had to sit quite in the opposite ^{corner} of the stage to me, and as there were two seats between us I could not speak a word to him. There was a Captain Newton and his wife & two children sat next me & made themselves as disagreeable as they possibly could. I was ~~scarcely~~ very sick all night, really & actively sick & Miss Mrs. Newton although she sat next to me never spoke ^{one} word to me I might have died for what any one would have known or cared, I felt afraid I should have to be left, we travelled slowly all night, it was half past five when we arrived at Whitebeck, there we had all to get out and the passengers called for breakfast, I for my part felt more like being sick, however I managed to swallow a cup of tea & eat a little dry biscuit, after which I felt a little better. Captain Mills was possibly kind & polite, but he is not a man of a sanguine temperament. I suffered very much from warmth and close air in the stage for the poor shivering fellows would have every curtain stripped right down, and we were all very much pressed for room I could not move my knee an inch ~~at~~ either one way or the other & I was very much ^{amused} with a young man sitting on the front seat he spoke

out most piteously, but the rest seemed to be thinking too much of their own miseries to heed his, he said if he could only slew his leg round for one minute, he ~~did~~ would not care, (that was if a fellow should know his own, leg)

We got to Poughkeepsay about half past ten where we changed horses I believe for the second time, or rather they brought out four skeletons with horses hides stretched over them, which had not run many miles before the driver had to give them some whiskey to enable them to proceed, poor things they held up their tails for a short time & coddled by their shadows, ~~for a short time~~ I managed to drag us up the hills, and they sleigh helped to push them down the hills, until we arrived at Fishkill.

Together with the help of the gentlemen passengers who had to get out when we passed any beam and lifted us again out of the snow banks into the road, we broke one of our traces which detained us in the road a little while, at Fishkill we had a better beam of horses to cross the Highlands, which part of the journey I enjoy'd very much for the afternoon was fine & the scenery beautiful, but as soon as the sun had gone down the passengers again would let down the curtains to my great mortification & annoyance, & when we arrived within three miles of Peekskill the tongue of the sleigh broke out, they said that if it had happened five minutes sooner we should have all been dashed to pieces as we were descending a very long steep hill, as it was we had all to get out and walk down the hills, and ride up, and where it was level, I thanked my good fortune that I was a tolerable walker, my disagreeable delicate companion Mrs. Newton fared badly she fell down

twenty times, I felt really sorry for her, I thought it
a pity that a human being should reach her stature
before she had learned the use of her limbs, however
by dint of plodding and riding we at length reached
Peakskill, we all were glad enough to enter the inn,
and we had all taken off our cloaks hats &c and had
been seated about half an hour when the landlady
told us that we could not be accommodated with
beds as they were going to have a ball there that night,
consequently we had to get into another sleigh &
be taken to the peakskill landing, a house that was ^{season}
not in the habit of accommodating travellers in winter
however we were made very comfortable there was
an ^{old} Quaker lady there that was quite a comfort to me,
the next morning Captain Newton took off his lady and child
in a private conveyance & we had to wait for the
sleigh being repaired, which fortunately was done sooner
than we expected we proceeded to New York & so
out as ^{we} were accidentally got in about half past five
with ^{us} ^{found} all our folks well, Ann is well &
with ^{us} ^{is} I am happy to say, The Dr. has got over
out, as you will see, as he has sent one up to you I think
it is very good, it has been noticed in many of the papers
& this morning he has seen a very gratifying notice of it
in the Albion, I hope this will find you and all
well. Give my love to the girls and respects to Mr. Thomson
what kind did Thomas Thomson get home I was sorry
we had to detain him so long in Hudson, but there
was some uncertainty about us getting off from Hudson
at all, we advised him to stay all night in Hudson
as the roads were so bad between there & Catskill,
I hope he got home safe and did not get blamed
for being away so long, Our people have taken this
house again as rents are raising they thought they
had better secure this for fear they might not be
able to get one so good even for a greater price, and
they can let it for more any day they choose if they could
suit themselves better I believe the Dr. means to

Continued so long as he sometimes spoke of selling
his horse (which he could be advantage) and going to
boon
me was of check the city presents for fish and
some of them were very good I have asked to describe
N. They have much less snow on their side the
highlands than the other

Wm. Thomas Cole
Catskill
New York

seen
in end
and to

All the girls that I shall go to see I shall in a
day or two. It has been raining all night and this
morning. My father's dinner was ~~very~~
good. I will write to me soon and mention all
the girls. They all give me love from you
and your father.

Baltimore June 24th 1846

My Dear Thomas

I am afraid you will think me negligent in not writing to you before, but one thing or other has prevented until now. I arrived here in safety last Tuesday but one & had a very pleasant journey. I found Mr. Massol a very agreeable companion. we sailed all night in Philadelphia when we arrived there I went in search of Miss Keet, we had some difficulty in finding Miss Coupland's where I thought I might find Miss Keet, she was not there but when Miss Coupland heard my name she invited me very kindly to stay all night with her which invitation I gladly accepted, after tea we went to see Miss Keet they were much pleased to see me & wished me to remain with them but Miss Coupland would not give me up on Tuesday morning & I left Philadelphia with a promise to make a longer stay on my return. I was much pleased in travelling through the state of Delaware to see large fields surrounded by hawthorn hedges & not less pleased to have an opportunity of seeing the Magnolia in full bloom in it.

native state, the one spoke of an
early home, the other of a foreign coun-
try — My friends were glad to see
me especially Elizabeth & John, but there
is a sterner up of strife in this family as
in some other Miss, Th. — she has a very en-
-ous disposition, I get along as smoothly as
I can between the parties and say but little
John is going to take Elizabeth & me
to Washington to spend a few days, she
also says if I will stay here until November
he & Elizabeth will take me to Boston,

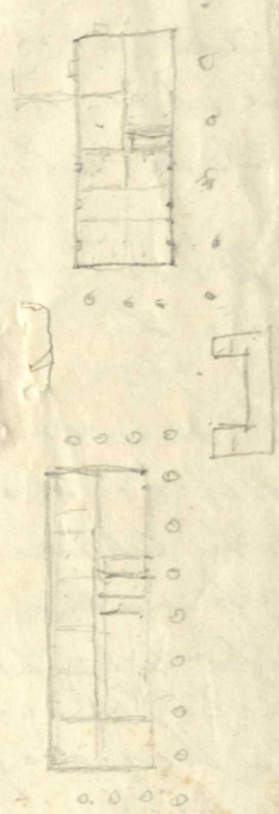
My dear Thos as I hope you are comfort-
able & enjoying yourself this summer
& that all things are going on well with
you, I wish I could say that I was com-
-fortable in mind about certain things
that have taken place against your
opprobriation, but I feel very unhappy
when I think of your great kindness to
do me I think that I may have done
wrong, but my affection grew for Mr. D.
without me being conscious of it & if I were
to sacrifice my own feelings I retreat, I am
convinced it would be the ruin of him —
but if the right path were now clear
to me I feel as though the sacrifice of
my own feelings would be nothing compared
with the anxiety I now suffer, I would that
he were in greater favour with you but that
I can hardly expect he says you are cool
with him, has any thing worse transpired
than I know of, if he has again been

indulged in. The same folly he has been
accused of, that decides for me, I leave
the result to providence, but I must never
see him again, but I should be most
happy to hear that he had gained upon
your good opinion, for I see such as these
are not easily broken - Things must soon
turn up, his letters to me are reasonable
& affectionate & if I am deceived it is my
misfortune I am sorry to trouble you
in this matter do not let it give you too
much uneasiness I trust that Providence
will make the right path clear to you
& that ~~the~~ ^{right} days are in store for you

Baltimore is a very dull place compared
with New York in spite of their great roads.

We went last evening to see the Chinese
Lady Miss A. Hoang Moy I was much interested
she speaks ^{English} pretty well she was affable & very
good natured her feet are the exact form
of a horses hoof she unwrapped the bandages
and showed us her bare foot which is not
at all an agreeable sight her big toe is
pointed & the other four toes were completely
embedded in the middle of her foot she has
is enormous & this is the cause of the
shoe just like a horses hoof this is the
the foot without the shoe she wore three bandages
each three yards in length two of them under her shoe
which she cannot walk without & one scrollet on
outside the ankle to make it appear large she
walked awkwardly with her feet for a while she
sang a Chinese song which sounded to me very much
like the Indian language I had a letter from
you yesterday I was sorry to hear that my mother was not
very well - Mr. G. Chapman was disappointed in not

receiving a letter from brother
 Elizabeth's name in love to the
 girls & remember to your & my
 give them presents to you
 we go to college in March & then
 have a day with your minister
 in the last of our school



Wm. Thomas Cole
 Catskill
 New York



Dear Brother
 I believe me you ever appreciate
 I direct to Mrs. T. Chapman
 corner of South & Market Streets Baltimore

Baltimore July 3rd 1836



My dear Thomas

It gave me great pleasure
to receive your letter of the 26th some parts
of which were most grateful to my feelings,
but it grieves me much to know that
your own spirits are so depressed, and
I know how utterly vain it is to say you must
not be low spirited, but my dear Thomas you
must endeavour to divert your thoughts
from the source of your great trouble,
remember that the wise disposer of all things
is still our God, our Father, and our Friend,
and though his providence may be to us
dark and mysterious the end is wisdom &
goodness, I know that you must neces-
sarily be anxious about our family,
they must be provided for, but I hope
that your expenses for them will decrease
I hope that I shall in time be provided
for, and that will be a good deal, for I
have been a great expence to you, &
you have given me every thing that I could
reasonably wish for, cheerfully, Henry will
soon get a little, and even a little helps, and there
no doubt but that before very long he will
be able to provide for his Father,
I do not know that any thing can be done

at present to lessen the expences, my Mother
is so economical as she possibly can be,
my Father and Mother feel their dependence
upon you very much although they know
that you provide for them willingly,
I wish for their sakes that we were better
off but I do not see that any thing
can be done, respecting yourself and
Maria if you think that your circum-
stances will reasonably allow of it nothing
would give me greater pleasure than
your union with her, I know she has,
like other people, her peculiarities, and
who is free from them? I have after said
I did not know any one that I should like
for a sister in heart than Maria, I think she
would make you very comfortable, I do
not see that you need be much troubled
with her family affairs Emily and Harriet
are both very good, your own family must
be first after Maria, our Father & Mother
must not suffer in any way but if I can
in any way be of less expence to you I will
cheerfully do it, My dear Thomas I know
that better things are in store for us yet,
I shall be provided for, I trust will soon
do something, and you will be well able to
provide for our dear parents, and our little
Moria, I speak confidently, I hope not pre-
sumptuously, if we are by good God will
prosper so, if we do our best we may confi-
dently leave the results with him, - you speak
rather dispondingly about your painting,
you should not do so, you cannot at present
expect to feel that pleasure in painting you have done

but in a little while you will find that
the art will return to you, and that you
will return to the art with renewed pleas-
ure, the lights and shadows of this life are
like the lights and shadows in your own
pictures the one makes the other ^{more} beautiful,
and although we have had many troubles we
have not found this life all shadows, it has
been now a light, and then a shadow, then a
light and ~~now~~ a shadow, I really think that
your fears of losing your art are groundless
for as yet each of your pictures has been judged
better than its predecessor, and will continue to
be so you may depend upon it, just at present
you must not expect to take quite so much pleas-
ure in any thing, let me beg of you not to brood
over your misfortune - I am sorry to hear that
Mrs. does not seem well, I am going to write
her letters to New York by Mrs. Robinson's
and give my love to the girls I hope they are enjoying
themselves this summer - I feel as if I should like
to be with you very much but I am convinced that
it is better for me to be here now - Elizabeth &
John have gone to housekeeping since I have been
here and I am with them, John dislikes Mr. Harrison
so much that he could not live in the house with
him consequently he took a small house and
run very busy buying in furniture which has cost them
a good deal he has laid out upwards of a hundred
dollars for the furniture in my room, I expostulated
a good deal against such expense as I told them
I was not going to stay very long - Mr. Chapman
has never given one cent until the other day
he made her a present of a hundred dollar bill,
which John got hold of and would have torn in pic-
ces if Elizabeth had not begged so hard it was
certainly a very pretty sum for a man as Chapman
is to give his daughter I am afraid John will give
it to him again the great opportunity - I have said
as little as I possibly could between the two fam-
ilies, but Miss D. has made much mischief she has
got a head exactly like P. B. only she has more years
- In the letter I got from her some time ago she
said they had not had a letter from you, I hope

That you will write to them your freedom
time ~~is~~ the greatest for now they have
in hearing from us and we must not neglect
them, I have been expecting to hear from you but
have not yet heard as I am going to write
to him ~~hope~~ this will find you in the
enjoyment of good health & better spirits



W. Thomas Cole
Catskill
New York

I know that it will give you pleasure to
hear that I have enjoyed a very good health
and have been well since I left England
I have been to the mountains but have not
been to Washington but have been in the
John Adams to be remembered for you on the
I have not for the summer I have not
and you are very well I hope you are
I wish to see you very much
and wish to see you very much

New York July 14th 1836

Dear Thomas

Your letter has been received with the enclosure of \$50. The folks are all well at present, Aunt has been ill several days but is down again. I had a letter from Sarah a short time ago. She was then well & probably will have written you on this. My time has been so completely filled up that I could not possibly sit down to pen a deliberate letter to you or as usual have kept deferring it till the present moment. I have had, my practice (including a patient six miles in the country) my book, my real estate business, the house to let, the cattle not accomplished, but a good deal troubled with the former, "proquesting" slowly, the book affair out & done with for the present (selling very well) - the real estate business, best of all, promising to do well. In addition to the speculation, I had on hand I have 2 lots at Jamaica long hand which sell well. If I had a few hundred dollars, I could make more money than both of us together by our regular business. I saw some property sold to day, that 15 days ago I should positively have bought, but for want of money, which in these few days realized

a profit of \$640 - the whole purchase was only
\$1040. Only \$100 required down, but a lay
2000 off was as easily obtained by me as \$100 -
then came an occurring frequently, but I can't
take advantage of them - I hope however in
the end it will be an advantage to us all - at
all events it is quite agreeable to him in
anticipation - It keeps me up & reconciles me
to many things I could not otherwise be satisfied
with - If I had a few hundred dollars, I am
sure I could make something handsome in
a year or so -

Henry called to see Mr Thompson this
morning he is still very well - I have invited him
to come & see us he has promised but has not
yet arrived Mother has waited one or two days
to see him - Expecting to see you shortly
- I close this, having to go up town directly -
Yours truly

G A Kirby

I received your letter some time ago & replied
to me - You will see how I have been
situated for writing - I say my book is

selling well, but it is my little profit to me
I have 200 to Baltimore - I will not
attempt any more books - I think -

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J. Cole Esq

Catkill

No York



[Oct. 1836?]

Dear Mr.

The Erie goes down this
morning & comes up to Monro
therefore you must not expect
too confidently to day -

Good bye

Yours
Thomas Cole

- Point

I forgot to bid good bye to
Emily - do it for me -

v. bats

Miss M.^r Bartow

care

W Cornwall

Catt Kill

Sunday Evening,

Dear Harriet,

We are woefully disap-
-pointed that you did not come down
to day - Maria is very sorrowful
about it & is not very well - ~~For~~

Your Cousin went to Athens to seek
you - Maria says you must
come down in the boat as there is
no probability of your being sent
for - if you have not money you
must borrow sufficient - but you
must come - We are indeed very de-
-sires you should come immedi-
-ately. I will not tell you any thing
about Theodore until you come -

Maria is quite unwell -

Our respects to Mr B

Yours
Thomas Cole

N Y Nov 10 1836

My dearest Maria,

I write in great haste & indeed have very little to say except in expressing a disappointment at not being able to see you as soon as I desired - There are no more day boats & your Uncle has decided on coming up on that of Saturday - You must not be angry with me for not coming up sooner for I assure you it is necessity & not neglect - We have been running about shopping and have had in a few days more experience than I ever had ~~been~~ in my life before, in that way - I hope you will be pleased with what I get for you & I know you will think I have done the best I could - Sarah & Mother send their love - So good bye
We will tell you all ^{the news} when we come
Yours affectionately
Thomas Cole

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PAID

Miss Maria Barton

Care of J. A. Thomson.

Catonsville -



New York Feb 3. 1857

Dear Thomas

I am sorry to inform you that your father was attacked ~~the day before~~ yesterday morning with symptoms of Apoplexy. He has lain in a state of Stupor ever since - He ~~is~~ ^{seems} sensible at times to what is said to him but unable to speak except occasionally when he attempts to utter something that ~~can~~ sometimes he understood. Sometimes not. He appears to be paralytic on the left side. The attack commenced after he had been cutting his toe nails - having been long predisposed to it, it appears probable the congestion of blood ^{in his brain} occasioned by the position acted as the exciting cause. He then as it may be ~~is~~ much affected by his present condition. It is impossible for me ^{to} say any thing further of what the result may be than that - He may not survive the attack, he may be partially restored & so remain until another seizure. The latter at the present moment appears to me most likely - Of course at his age ~~the~~ gloomiest fears are naturally apprehended in the minds of most people, but the

current of life has flowed so placidly, and I think
that I imagine it may still go on ~~yet~~ -
The ~~result~~ ^{effect} of the remedial measures however
so far applied would by no means lead
to ^{the expectation of} such a result, for altho they have been
carried into effect very fully, no ~~im-~~
provement whatever has taken place - Our
means are very limited in his case, but
such as they are you may depend upon
~~it~~ ^{if they} shall be assiduously applied -

The rent of the house is raised to \$300. We
are looking out for another, - there is
one opposite us in Canal St. Perry is going
to enquire about this afternoon & if
it can be had we think will be very
desirable - Rents have risen all over
the city - In some places most abominably
I am scratching these few lines down
under circumstances very unfavorable
to the indulgence in pleasure connected
with absent friends & not forgetting
you must remember us kindly to your wife
& the family - I am your affectionate
G. Schuyler

Dear Thomas

You will naturally suppose how
much trouble we are in at this time and
as to the propriety of your coming down
you yourself ^{will} know best, I need not
say how much comfort it would be
to us to have you here & indeed I fear
that should anything happen to our poor
Father that my mother would think hard
if you did not come down, however
I do not urge it for I fear the travelling
is ~~hard~~, but reflect upon it, In great
love from your affectionate sister -
Sister Sarah

J. Cook Esq.
Catharine
N. York



my 4th
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New York March 15th 1837

My Dear Thomas

I received your letter of the 3rd day before yesterday & was very sorry to hear that Maria's health was so poor but now the Spring is coming I know she will be better. She must be very careful of herself until the weather is warmer & tell her for me that I hope she will let the changeable weather dictate to her the propriety of dressing accordingly, her excellent letter gave me very great pleasure & I will write to her after a short time —

I am happy to say that the Dr is much better. I may say well, for he now attends to his business as usual, he was called out to Tremayne's a few days ago & I accompanied him we went in a close carriage & staid all night, Mr^r Tremayne was not quite as ill as ought to have been expected from the importance Mr. J. attached to the Dr's going out, she was in bed when we got there which was late in the afternoon but she then got up & played on the piano & sang for us until 2 past one a clock which was pretty well for a sick person. They are living in great style & are surrounded by every luxury — Mr. J. wishes wishes me to go & spend a short time with her which I think I shall do when the spring is a little further advanced —

I thought I had sent you word about the time the pictures must be in New York for exhibition, the circular says that all works for exhibition must be in N. Y. between the first & tenth day of April directed to J. L. Norton Secretary of the National Academy of Design Clinton Hall, members of the Academy are to take notice that the rooms are to be prepared on Monday the third day of April next for the reception of works, works received after the tenth of

April must run the chance of such positions as can be given
them — I am happy to tell you that my Mother is very
well for her & that the rest of us are jogging on in the old
way. we have not yet been able to get a house to suit
us there are so few to rent & rents are so enormous
high so that I am afraid we shall be obliged to stay
in this little lottery place. I do not care so much
about it but I would like to have a place where you
& Maria could be with us next winter & if you are
any where else the expense will be much more & you
will not be so comfortable, this place is extremely hot
& noisy in the summer time — we have heard
that Mr. Cooke did ^{not} intend returning to this country until
next fall or the following spring but if it is so I should
think he would write to us — I am sorry I sent you a
black wafel I will not do so again — about writing to E.
I do not know what to do, I wish you would write to
my Aunt Mary & to the folks at the top, I think I shall
write to my Uncle William. I think he ought to be written
for he behaved very well to you & D. I ought not
to be neglected but if you will write to my Aunt
Mary & would rather I would write to my Aunt Pen-
bury I will do so, you must send me word —
I have again been pointing on my side & find it rather
a difficult piece of business & very often stands in
need of a word from you & I am afraid after all
I shall make a miserable concern of it the more I do
the greater imperfections I see in what I have done
& which I cannot well alter. It will take me yet
some time to finish it though I keep it pretty close
by. I begin to print about nine & leave off about four
or five I have brought my case down into the parlour

It is pleasant for my Mother though I meet with many
interruptions — I think you had better bring down the
Copper plates & Etching apparatus when you come &
we will talk things over & decide upon what I had better pur-
sue — I do also wish you would bring down my Tye's
Astronomy & Buffon's Natural History if you can spare
it — About the Piano! Theleburg had his piano in this
room & if we cannot get another house I think there
will be not much difficulty in getting it up here, but we
are wishful to go to another house if we can but if we
cannot I think we must try to have the Piano here for
I might as well be without a piano if it is to be up at Catskill
all the time for it is not very likely that I shall be up there
much at least for the present & I am forgetting what little
I ever knew about playing for I have not touched that
Piano since — This winter they never hear a fire ⁱⁿ twice
from — I am sorry to hear that Edge's room
is so ill but hope that he is better by this — I should
have liked to have been among you the night you
say the Cooks & Howlers were with you I indeed may
a time I wish I could spend a little time with you
& wonder how you are coming on, you will soon begin
to enjoy the beautiful scenery again for I am in hopes
that we shall soon have spring weather — we will say nothing
about the Catskill mud — I spent last evening at ves-
-ternuts they had a few jolly friends there but I cannot
say that I enjoyed myself for I could not rouse my
spirits they would be better for Mr. Pitt's was with me
& seemed to enjoy himself so — I do not know
that I have anything more to add but that they all join
me in love to you Maria & the girls & that I hope to
see you before very long I remain your affectionate Sister
Sarah Cole

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Mr Thomas Case
Catskill New York



is wanted
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March 25th 1887

Dear Thomas

You have been informed that I have recovered from my late indisposition. Emma has finished her letter, in which she seems much interested & I drop a line merely to say we are all well except your mother who is better & worse daily. She suffers a deal of pain without being ill otherwise & is up of course. There is nothing new as regards her only that suffering so much is distressing to herself & the whole of us. I have not a single word to say to you, ^{except that} every ones mind seems to be oppressed by the great depression occasioned the want of money, (a disagreeable topic) It appears to me that every member of the community will suffer more or less from the prostrum of the times, particularly those who have gone beyond their means in speculation & cannot hold their property, but ultimately things will find their level & by & bye property will again advance upon solid foundations. I consider this to be as certain as any event we can anticipate. I am sorry to say I have nothing cheering to ~~say~~ ^{tell you} as regards myself business is very bad. I have scarcely any thing to do & what with little coming in & a great deal to pay am rather on the flat or down occasionally but as I console myself with something bright some time it is only at intervals that I get the blues & then I trust they are not of long duration.

Remember us to your wife & we hope her health is better. Believe me your aff. Bro

Geo. A. Kelley.

I suppose we shall soon have the pleasure of seeing you — at least I hope so —

W
Cale Egger D.A.
Cattell
N. York



My Dear Uncle

You have often wished me to write, you must think it very unkind of me but I have not had time but I have not had to do so before this I have had so many lessons to learn but now I have time I will write you a few lines being not very well I have been staying away from school for a few days Pa thinks I am not improving a great deal in my drawing but I am improving in my other studies I am learning to write French exercises and translate French in to English and English in to French I am getting on very well I like dancing as well as ever I hope this will find you Aunt Mavis and all the young ladies in good health you have heard of Grand father death it was it was very sudden to us all we thought about it a great deal but it will do no good for us to think about it Pa has been very unwell he had a bad cold that has taken

all his appetite away from him he has not been able to go out of doors for a week Aunt Sarah has had a sore place on her eye brow which looked very funny the other day I put my slate in to the post and a great part of it got ruled out you would have got it before now for I have had to write it over again Henry says he is very busy with the school and other things I have been sleeping with Aunt Sarah for some time and Aunt Mary has been sleeping at our house it is Sunday I have not been home this morning Henry has left me and gone to the Catholic Cathedral so now I will try and write a little Henry has come home and wants to go and play so I cannot write any more today for this after noon I am going Mrs Wilson it is now a week since I wrote any Pa has got quit well Aunt Sarah has disappeared Grandmother is better then she has been she will work so hard that I am afraid it will make her sick I should like to come up and see you when the weather gets milder I hope that this long and tiresome letter will not tire you for I am not used to

letter writing and when I have got one thing down I do not
know what to put next M^{rs} Jackson said that M^{rs} Cooke is not coming
back till next fall if then he said that M^{rs} Cooke never intended
to come back till next fall Aunt Sarah has wrote to him
Ma has got a very bad tooth ache she has had it a great
while but not as bad as she has got it now.

we all join in love to you and Aunt Maria

I remain your loving niece Emma Atchley

[April 11, 1837]

Monday

My dear Maria,

Here I am you see alive & well. I had a comfortable passage down, for I met Mr Ruggles on board & as he landed at Poughkeepsie he gave me his berth which was an excellent one — The boat was the Swallow — our old friend — I found all the folks pretty well & very enquiring about you — The picture arrived perfectly safe few have seen them yet. Mr Luman has seen his & is delighted with it. I hope Mr Sturges will be as well pleased with his. he will come to see it to-morrow. The exhibition will not be open until the 20th or thereabouts so I hope to have ample time to finish my ~~Leighorn~~ Forena. I had written Leighorn as you may see. I was thinking about you rather than the picture — I saw Mrs Spencer this morning she is

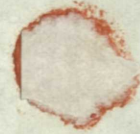
very well - Mr Sturges has got a splen-
-did frame for the picture - I saw
Mr & Mrs Allen this morning they enqui-
-red particularly about you and wish us
to go there - Mr Ward also is well
& his family - he informed me this morning
that money matters were improving a little.
There are terrible long faces in Wall St - I am
writing in a great hurry & am afraid
I shall not be ready for to-days mail -

I was dreaming about you last night
so you see if I cannot enjoy your com-
-pany in the day time I ~~can~~ take advan-
-tage of my sleeping hours - I hope
you are better & in good spirits & that
you will write to me very soon - Mother
& Sister & wish me to send their love -
Give mine to the Girls & believe me

My dear Maria

Yours very affectionately
Thomas Cole -

Mr
Thomas Cole
Cattkill
N York.



[Apr. 16, 18, 1831]

N^y Saturday Night

My dear Maria,

I was very happy to receive your letter although you did not say how your health was of which I was anxious to hear - & how I should like to be rambling with you this delightful weather instead of toiling here - for I assure you I have to work hard. The day is spent in painting & the evening in my duties at the Academy - We shall have an extraordinary Exhibition this season - We have raised more than \$3000 for Morsey's great picture which you will be glad to hear - My pictures please very much - but do you know I have been working all this afternoon on the Child in W. Sturge's picture & have not done a job only scraped part of the old one out - The more haste the less speed - The Florence is going on but not yet finished I am afraid it will suffer from the haste with which it has been painted - My Steam-boat is advancing for it has been travelling across the floor to day - it is amphibious. does either on

land or water - Mr Cooke is pleased with
his picture - I saw Mr Bloodgood to day
he is full of promises as ever - I have not
yet received a cent of money since I have been
in the City & I am not sure when I can for
the times except dreadful & I liked others
folks must wait - I am afraid your Uncle
Sandy is expecting some money from me soon
& I am sorry I cannot just yet oblige him -
You may intimate this to him; but I shall
be able I think in a short time if necessary
You will read that the Whigs have triumphed
in N York one more - I do long to
be with you my dear Maria - but you
must expect me as soon as ~~as~~ I possibly
can come; but I cannot say now on
what day I shall return - I will write
to you again - Your letter gave
me so much pleasure that I hope
you will gratify me again very soon -

The Academy will most probably open on
Wednesday or Thursday next —

Have you found a flower yet 3 if you have
keep it for me — Tell Harriet that I have
not yet had an opportunity of hearing any-
thing new about phrenology — but I am told
Mr Smith's arguments against it were re-
-markably weak —

I must finish for I have yet to go to the
Academy although it is 8 o'clock —

Give my love to the Girls — and accept
for more for yourself & believe me
ever your

Affectionate

Thomas Cole

Mother is not very well to day, but desires to
send her love — as well as my Sister — They
all want to see you very much —

In haste

Wm Thomas Cole
Catskill
N.Y.



New York May 31 1837

My dear Maria,

If I had known that I should have been detained here so long. I should not have left you in Catskill I assure you - The rascally Frank Miller has detained me until now - & I have not seen the Frame yet but believe it will be done in time for me to start this afternoon at 5 o'clock -

I am really very very desirous of being with you & shall make all haste. do not be angry with me for tarrying so long away from you - I have very little news. I suppose your Uncle arrived safe yesterday - Mother has been unwell but is better. all the rest are well - Do you know I have my head examined thoroughly & have got a terrible character to frighten you with

when I return -

I have obtained a little money but not
all that is due to me - Florence is not
yet sold - I have had an offer of \$350 which
I refused instantly of course - I will not
sacrifice it in such a manner as that -

You must have delightful weather - it
is rather warmer here - Give my love to

the girls - & good bye My dear Maria -

Yours affectionately

Thomas Cole -

I do not think I can be with you before
Tuesday or Wednesday -

1837.

Florence Pieterse
a present

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Mrs Thomas Cole.

Catskill

N York.



Aug 8 [1837]

My dear Maria,

I am sorry that I cannot be with you in person instead of sending you a letter but I must reconcile myself as well as I can. - Since I wrote Mother has endured much excruciating pain & it is wonderful that she can sustain it; but to day she has been a little easier & we have hopes that she may be again partially restored. - At intervals of comparative ease she speaks a little & has several times affectionately enquired about you. - To morrow morning if the weather is tolerably fine & Mother seems no worse I intend to start for New Haven where Mr Town now is. I shall return the next day & if Mother continues better shall haste to be with you my dear Maria - I am indeed anxious to be with you & I am doing nothing here, everybody is out of town that I wish to see. - Our folks except Mother are

pretty well considering the oppressive weather
of the last few days & all desire to be ~~at~~ their
love - Sister Ann says she should enjoy the
fresh air of Catskill now - Emma says I must
tell you she is coming up & sends her love
far more than I can well write -

Mr Durand is full of enquiries about you -
Col Bentham has been to N York & brought
a letter to Mr Durand from the Young Ladies
and they are desirous of hearing from you & of you
& I don't know what -

I have opened the box & found a great
many sketches -

My dear M do write on the receipt of this
and tell me all about matters & things &
above all about your health - I am really
anxious about you & really really if you
are not better when return you must con-
-sult the Doctor - I am very that

I cannot see you - If you wish me
to get anything for you in the City you must
let me know - Give my love to all great
& small I remember me to Mrs Lasher
hoping she has discovered what sort of animal
is the Serenader -

Good bye my dearest

Yours as ever

Thomas Cole

N York

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New York Aug 24th
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Dear Thomas

I received your letter containing the checks &c which have been paid, likewise the one you wrote since - I am afraid my wish to visit Catskill will not be consummated this summer now - I have been very much mortified by losing two valuable calls with their fees, by accompanying Ann & Emma as far as Newark, which has not been diminished by the circumstance of other physicians having got possession of so much of my connection that I depend on - I have several Acouchements I expect will require my presence, added to which the difficulty of collecting money renders it necessary for every means being adopted in the way of economy to enable me to meet my engagements. Ann's health seemed soon to decline again on her return from Catskill & Emma looked pale so I determined for them to start for Basking ridge - The uncertainty

were then of my being able to go to Catskill determined
me to let Emma go along. but I wish this
journey in no way, to interfere with her
return to Catskill if it be agreeable to you
all & the weather be favourable -

I can make out your deed at any
moment now, but will wait until I see
you as the mortgage will have to be signed
by Maria - I am sorry to hear this news -
I would advise you by all means to have some
advice in Catskill. Even were I to see her
it is doubtful whether any good would result
from a single interview or so. I cannot
tell; but generally find it advantageous to
have an opportunity of observing individuals
for some little time in chronic maladies.

Your mother continues precisely in the
same condition as when you left, perhaps not
quite so ill. but varying as to pain every few
hours - Aunt Ann leaves to-morrow Shelburne -
Sarah will have informed you that W. Cook
has returned & as to any further news, except that
Miss Pennington is too ill, this deponent is
entirely barren of -

I am Dr. Thomas
your aff. Bro.
Geo. A. Schuyler.

I have made no positive determination, about going
to Catskill I may still in the course of the
fall have an opportunity, if I have, you
may rely upon it as affording me much
pleasure. for the present however it is
impossible —

Wm. W. Phelps
Sept 10 1834
Catskill N.Y.

Dr
S. Lord Esq
Catskill
New York



My dear Maria

Our dear Mother was released
this Morning from all pain & trouble - It is thought
best to have her interred to-morrow afternoon -
I cannot now write more but that I hope to be
with you in a few days. If Harriet does not
bring this which I hope she will you will receive
it by Mail - I hope you are well -

Remain

My dearest Maria

Yours Thomas Cole

N York 20. 6th 1834

Death of Mother. '37

Mr Thomas Cook
Cattkill
N York.

My dear Maria

I arrived here safe & sound after a pretty comfortable passage — Found all well and warmer weather which last I hope has extended to Catskill — Mr Durand only has seen my pictures & ~~he~~ he appears delighted with them — The frames after all are not finished and will not be until next Saturday — I have not yet been able to ascertain whether Mr Van Rensselaer is in town or not — Mr Frail has given me a commission for a three or four hundred dollar picture the subject to be from Byron's Corsair the party scene of Conrad & Medora — I intend to send something up by the next Boat — Carpenter, Tools &c if possible ~~to~~ I should wish them to be engaged for at the Boat — I am in great hope however that we shall have a conti-

reunion of mild weather and I may re-
turn by the river - I hope you are
better than when I left you & ~~that you are~~
in good spirits - I will write again shortly
when I hope to have more news for you -
I am mortified that the Forms are not finished
as I shall be sorry to exhibit them without
~~for~~ especially W Van R. -

My love to all & most to you my dear
Dickens -

Yours as ever

Thomas Cole

Ms² 20th -
1837

Mr Dickman come here last evening, & I have this evening been playing a game of Chess, with him, It is now very late and am getting rather sleepy & very tired. — So with love to all & to you a good nights rest & agreeable Dreams, I must say Good Night

Truly Yours,
Maria

Monday, I have understood through Mr Crosswall that Mr Van Rensselaer was on board of the Boat Friday night, returning to Albany, & very much disappointed at not seeing you in New York. — where he said he had been to meet you by appointment. — What mistake has been made? — If it should be one of the Servants, do be particular in giving them instruction. what to say when you are inquired for. — Mrs Sandy wishes me to refer you to Pettibone & Long No. 4 Liberty St. — for Superior Drawing Knives of J. C. Bemis manufacture. —

Tuesday P.M.

I have just received yours of the 3^d and as Mr D. is to leave in the Frank I have only time to acknowledge its receipt. — I should have sent this to you before, but Mr D has staid longer than I expected him to. — I am very glad you think of returning next week. — but do not if you think you ought to stay longer. — I am very happy to hear that the Pictures please so well. — you do not tell me where they are? — The commission you have received is also agreeable news. — I will endeavour to write again. I am quite ashamed of this scribbling. — but I have no time to write more or better at present. — They all join me in love to you, Give my love to Sarah —
Yours Affectionately Maria.

Mr. Thomas Cole
51 Canal Street
New York

Plateness of
Mr. Wm. H. Dickerman



My dear Anna,

I wrote to you several days since but my letter was too late for the Mail so it was put in the Letter Box of the Boat & I hope you received it — I hardly know what has happened since I came to the City or what I have done — The weather has been warm & the streets very muddy to which I have no objection as it holds out the hope that I shall return before the river ^{closes} ~~opens~~ — I have not yet seen ~~Mr~~ W Van Rensselaer nor could I obtain any information of him until to day as Mr Wilkins was out of Town & I could not see Mr Ward — I now learn that he left the City the very day I arrived here, being afraid that the river would close — I am now waiting anxiously to see or hear from him — The pictures are much admired by all who have seen them — Considered equal if not superior to any thing I have done — The other evening I spent at Dr Kissams when I saw Maria Cook — Willis was there & several others of whom I will

tell you on my return - Last evening I dined at
Mr Verplanck's & spent a pleasant evening. There
was present Judge Duer a Mr Daubeny a Professor
in the University of Oxford England ~~and~~ Mr Stephens
the Egyptian Traveller was there also & a Mr Hume
an Officer in the English Army a nephew of the distin-
-guished member of parliament of that name - There were
several others but I leave the rest until I see you.
I saw Mr Spencer yesterday the second pretty well.
I did ^{not} send as I intended. ^{by the today's Boat} to do ~~the article~~.

But by Wednesday's Boat a number of things will
be ready for Catwain for instance my Portraits that
I guess will do for a day or two instead of me. Then
the Carpenters Tools although not yet bought, will
be ready - Some Canvasses also - I wish I was rea-
-dy to come up with them but my dear Mr I shall
have to defer it a few days longer - I have a little
good news to tell - Mr Fair has given me a commission
for a three or four hundred dollar picture. The subject
~~was~~ is to be from Byron's Corsair - the parting of
Conrad & Medora - Mr Stuyvesant is going to
give me a Commission for a picture or pictures

If you see I shall have some work to do this winter.
Mrs Jamison is here again & is coming to see
me in a day or two - Sarah & all the rest
are well & desire to join in love to you whenever
I write - I now that I have given you the
news I must say that my desire to be with you
~~is getting rather~~ is growing every day & I hope
I shall be ~~well~~ ready to come up next week.
Until I do see you my Dickering's keep up your
spirits - & believe me

N York

As ever My dear Maria

Dec 3 1837

Yours

Thomas Cole



Monday

I have just received another Commission it is from
Mr Stuyvesant - I have no more time so good
bye - Mr Van Rensselaer is in Albany & they will
write or come down in a day or two -

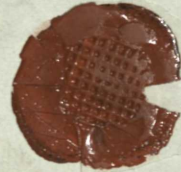
Past & present,

[Decorative flourish]

Mrs Thomas Lake

Leather

N York



To Mrs Cole

[Dec. 6, 1837]

N York Tuesday

My dear Maria,

I hope you will not think I write too
often; but when anything pleasant occurs, I am
decided that you should enjoy it with me.
Mr Van Rensselaer came to the City this morning -
and I am much pleased with him - he introduced him-
self - I am much delighted with the pictures and appears
like a man of who knows how to appreciate the
pictures. I paid him \$1000 a piece ~~was not so~~
I am courageous? He said that he had not anticipated
any amount so great, but now he saw the pictures
and knew what labour they had cost me he was
satisfied - Mr Bridgen & Mr Kent have just been
here & I am now waiting for Mr Jameson & Mr Templeton
I am invited this evening to ~~a party~~ with Mr Jameson
Daniel Webster and others, at Mr Davis' - ~~not Mr Davis~~
the Architect - W Wednesday - My dear, you
will think my letter very disjointed: but the fact is I have

to write when I can get the chance - I have been hoping
to hear from you every day - Last night I was at
W Davis's. There was a small, but brilliant party. Among
them was W Webster & his daughter, W Talmadge & daughter
Mrs Jamison & Madam Caradon Allan, the celebrated
singer - I will tell you more when I come up which
will be short probably next Wednesday - I must

Close my letter with love to all the Girls & in the
hope to receive a letter from you to day or to morrow.
If there is anything you want do let me know -

Remain
My dearest M.

Yours affectionately
Thomas Cole

Departure Return.

Mrs Thomas Cole
Catskill
N York



New York Jan 10. 1838

Dear Thomas,

I received your letter of
the 2^d. Inst. with the enclosure of \$450. ~~_____~~
your attention to it has been very grati-
fying to me, as money is as scarce as ever -

You may imagine we were all taken
by surprise at the ~~unusual~~ fact of your
having become a father - How do you feel?
Can you believe it possible that you have a
son - one of your towns - By the by I suppose
it would be more in accordance with ^{propriety} ~~things~~
to enquire how your wife is. I sincerely hope
she is doing well - We had not expected it
so soon, I ~~believe~~ ^{believe} you did not yourself -
I expect I shall be able to get through this con-
gratulation with the aid of a few more blotches
& interlinings - Miss Sumner has just come in
I told her I was writing on a very old fashioned
subject - He seems so familiar with it that I
could get no aid from her -

He seems to have been in the situation to enjoy the troubles of numerous responsibilities rather than any thing else - The fact is altho' long married I am any thing but a domesticated person & totally unacquainted with the usual routine of affairs on these occasions - I hope this will find Maria doing well & as to the youngsters there will be no danger of him - at all events my experience teaches me, that they do not apt to be neglected, whereas the poor mother frequently ~~is~~ is hardly thought of - I see her all the ^{while} advice I can give her is to follow implicitly the directions of her physician & let nothing induce her to depart from them & I trust however she will on the receipt of this be out of the jurisdiction? of the physician & firmly established in that of the cook - Ha. How I am you see - the old phraseology - the very language probably used in the time of — — — — — of — — — — —, who? — — — — —

What kind of a looking chap is he? is he the "very picture of his Mamma" or "papa" or is he like any of his grand parents - You will find it very edifying to watch the development of his bumps - as you are evidently full of inventions, quere, could you not screw his head up into some fanciful form, or would you rather

experiment on somebody else child - I am afraid
science will not be benefited by any of your experiments
on him your philogog. I see & see he will over
balance your construct. In the future it is
much to be lamented as we went light sadly
in matters relating to the brain & the mind -
without joking, I believe the head susceptible
of great alterations by artificial means
gradually applied without affecting the mind.

It would appear that some agency apart from crime
has been directing the pen the last 5 lines - such
^{one} would think from appearances, & as I am inclined
to be penny without the ability to write I think I
had better take my leave - Emma sends a
(Miss) for the baby, & wants to see ^{it}, says she should
like to make it - Believe me your affection
Geo. Buckley

What does Miss Hamit say about it? -

Thou has had great excitement in the feelings about
the Canadian affair ~~and~~ but it seems to have
subsided -

S. Cole Esq.
Catskill N. York



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New York April 18 1838

My dear Maria,

I have been anxiously expecting a letter from you day after day & day after day have been disappointed - to day I was sure I should have one - cannot you find time to write or because I neglected to tell you to write in my last letter ~~you~~ if so you deserve a little bit of a scolding - I hope nothing more serious has occurred to prevent your writing & that you & the little fellow are well. Mr Allen has not been in town since I came & I am rather inclined not to exhibit the large pictures in Boston - Mr & Mrs Fuller & Mr G. Allen came to see the pictures the other day & seemed delighted with them - The Saturday Arcadia is the best picture I have painted - Mr Allen says the child ought not to be considered an obstacle to going abroad she says we can get along admirably with him I will ~~give~~ ^{give} you more information on this subject when I see you - You will be sorry to learn that Mary is only a very little better & that cannot get set up - The weather has been much against her

indeed it is horrid - Sarah is much troubled
with the tooth ache - They cannot move until
Giffiths move & it is probable they will not
move until the 1st of May but we hope for the
better - We are busy hanging pictures yet &
the Academy will most probably open on Mon-
day next before which time I cannot possibly
come - I wish I could for I am heartily sick &
am very anxious to see you - I have seen Harris
several times yesterday the last he were both of
us on a flat Key I am afraid your Aunt will
keep her down ~~and~~ I am afraid you have a
hard time to get along & I think you ought to
have somebody to help you - I have enquired
about the boarding for servants - the rule for
grown persons is one half - a dollar or a dollar
& a half is as much as is ever given for a little
girl - I have not yet bought your shawl but
shall be more at leisure after this - Little Theodor
has had a present - you know I did some little
favour for Mr Nails the Jeweller last Fall - And
Mr Nails has given me for Theodor a silver Spoon
with his name engraved on it & about five or six feet
of Coral Beads - so the Chap is in favour -

I write in haste as usual on account of the Mail
and must close - I have painted two figures in
the School it is much admired -

Our folks unite in love to you & the girls
& I remain as ever my dear Maria

Yours affectionately

Thomas Cole -

Kiss the little fellow for me & write as
soon as you can if you have not
already written -

Mr Thomas Cole
Catskill
N York



Cedar Grove April the 20th 1853

My Dear Federico

I have just received yours of the 18th & am truly sorry to have disappointed you so many times. — Since I received your first letter, I have been waiting for something, I scarcely know what, I flattered myself that you would be home this week. — & perhaps you would not have time to get a letter if I wrote one. — I have always thought — I wanted to see you as much as I possibly could when you were away. — but now I think I want to see you a little more than I ever did before. — Teddy has been as well as usual since you left and so have I. — I have just taken a look at him in the cradle for you. — I wish you could see how sweetly he is sleeping. — he will be gratified no doubt with his present. at all events his mama will be for him. —

I am very sorry indeed to hear that Mary continues so ill, — I am sorry too that they have to move. — I am sure it will be very bad for her. — Give my love to them all. — I am sorry to hear that Sarah is afflicted with the tooth ache I would endeavour to prescribe something, if she had not the Dr. at her elbow. — I hope you are free from the like misery: — If you complain of the unpleasant weather in the City, I don't know what you would have done at home for it has been real winter here. — Harriet expects me to go down with you the first of May. — you must tell her that I shall most probably not be able to. — indeed I don't know when I can go. — I ought not to think of taking Teddy from home

untill he is old enough to leave for a few hours. — so even if they
were ready to see me, I dont know that I could go. — I wrote a few
lines to H. yesterday, in which I mentioned, (if you were there
when she received it) that I should like you to bring me some
common calico for a morning dress. — if it would not be
convenient for you to get it, never mind, or H. will get
it, she will know what I want. — I shall not be particular,
I should ^{like} it rather dark though. I cheer. —

I am gratified to hear that Arcadia pleases so much
I thought The Catskill would be a favorite. — has not
Hagerty seen it? — So your thoughts are still Eastward
bound. — I want to hear what more you have to say about
it. — Tell H. that she must be ready to come home with you
when you go down again if not before. — I long to see you
and have you see Twaddy, he appears to have a slight cold
in his head which I am in hopes will wear off in a day or
two. — With the hope of seeing you on Monday or Tuesday

I remain Yours very affectionately
Maria

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Mr. Thomas Cole

Canal Street

New York

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Mr. Cole
lay on

Dear Thomas

New York July 19th 1838

Business being still very bad, little money coming in & the prospect ahead not very promising I have been seriously thinking of another European trip, being confident I can make something handsome, provided fate or something we are as little able to control, does not upset my calculations. In all what I should conceive to be, human probability, I should succeed. It is in the way of Leeches, bringing them out by Steam. I should be benefited by former Exp. I have taken pains we twice, to get information on the subject feeling, always certain there was money to be made by it. I have ascertained the method pursued, exactly, by the individuals engaged in it I have seen its success over & over again. It is diff. in many respects from the plan I adopted & attended with scarcely any trouble after they are once put up. - Indeed there is no more with them in keeping them here in the States. They are now worth \$125. - \$1000 here & I can get them in Hamburg at \$80. which would ^{include} expenses of putting ^{up} & freight to London from whence I would buy them by Steam. - They are hardly ever sold here wholesale for less than \$100. - \$1000. but even at \$80. - Ten thousand to 15 thousand say the latter would afford a profit of \$700 to \$800 after paying passage & every thing which would be a good 10 weeks job & help me a long amazingly, & what is still of as much importance is Health & Spirit. -

I have not however made up my mind about it. If I should go it will not be until the latter end of August. But I write to know if you would feel disposed to send either of your pictures, the Acadia or Schron. Nov. to London & let me sell them for you. I think it would do well if it should meet your wishes. Of course I merely suggest the idea, thinking it might put you in the funds for them earlier than you may realize them here & believe that I might have the use of a hundred dollars or

until returned.
 So I turn out my "remedy" in London at the same time -
 If this should suit you I think I would positively go -
 but I am entirely unacquainted with your feelings as
 regards the two pictures, whether they are the kind you
 would like to send, either of them, ^{or whether any} My own
 opinion is if I were to take them with full conviction
 how & when to ^{exhibit} offer them & from you, there would be
 no doubt a difficulty in the matter - but you of course know
 best - I have an idea it would be a glorious affair
 altogether if carried out - at present they appear to be
 little likely to sell, at all events for good prices, but by
 the by perhaps the Arcadia is sold we have seen
 nothing of it, the other is up stairs looks very well -

You must not imagine me after any mad
 schemes - I think I shall operate in future with
 some care - My last trip terminating so unfavourably is
 by no means a reason why I should abandon the pro-
 ject - I could have sold the seeds at the prices I have
 mentioned, ^{had they arrived in time} but the affair was ruined in the very first
 step of the operation & I know clearly how it was ruined
 however I won't bother you any more about it now -
 Only to say that if you should approve of the suggestion
 or can make any new one such as painting a picture or
 any thing you like I should be pleased to hear from you
 on the subject - If you should like to send either of these
 to London they might be shipped before by one of the
 sailing packets - ^{it} would be advisable to engage your
 friends in London ^{as to the sale} to say it was a present
 to me, or some such tale to prevent their thinking
 it expressly sent for sale? I merely submit the
 question not knowing how you would feel
 about it any way -

We have had some tremendous weather, but so far

I am very well - I have had my melancholy
 much injured by it - I have had my melancholy
 in care, of late, but to day she is
 all better & has been down in our parlour -
 My own uncertainty still exists about the termination of
 with the only difference that the length of her
 remains decidedly better to day - but, ^{has} changed so frequently
 he pleased to send the improvement maintained thus
 I am sorry we cannot see more of you - We
 but little of your society in the course of the
 your letter was received yesterday past as with
 I don't know the date, but it is a
 substitute for yourself - I have not written
 to you of late, not any, I have only one
 I have nothing to talk about & except our
 affairs & those have been in such a 10 to
 that I dislike, ^{deliberately} to inflict their consideration
 - this is the only reason I write seldom
 matter more I write frequently; but I do
 will come I live either at Kater
 (don't go to Europe) or somewhere near -
 The warm weather has killed a "few" as you
 seen by the papers - I have suffered much
 least but on the whole have come out pretty
 very warm at this moment, the perspiration
 from my pores, but if I can only keep my
 comfortable & my mind tolerably quiet
 I shall be able to get thro' another big week
 as well as the best of them - You will say
^{at all events} "well, it is something to, ^{think one} knowing the
 - Well, it is something to, knowing the
 means whereby one can be comfortable -
 say they having nothing to say only send their love -
 I am your affectionate brother
 G. A. Murray -

This seems a comfortable situation that we have had a few years past - this country - the
 complaints of the winter of 1814 - it is a pity & early help to effect the first disease - how is old content
 who has killed me - I will be well - I will be well - I will be well - I will be well - I will be well -

The former have I like about writing you - I should be very
glad to meet you probably as in, but if it is too late to
write over offers. in hopes they are able to maintain the position
& send in present understanding I am afraid to write it, however I am
of opinion even over here in the north country like this very warm weather -

[Signature]
S. Cole Esq.
Catskill
N. York

NEW-YORK
JUL
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[Faint handwritten text]

New York Oct. 14. 1886

Dear Thomas

I have seen a volume of poems lately published in the style I presume you want, that is, first rate, & after the English plan, thick paper & white, wide margin & elegantly bound with two engravings. A similar book without the engravings (say of 100 pages)

will cost — Composition type — 100 pages —	50 —
Prep work on do	26. —
Paper at \$12ream	96. —

(my paper cost about \$4 $\frac{1}{2}$) ^{extra} \$172 —

Binding from 2/- to \$2.50 per copy, — The above would be the cost of 500 copies — For any additional number printed before the type was distributed, this expense would be saved, in other particulars of course the expense would be the same — You can have it got up you will perceive, allowing the lowest price for binding, at about 70.¢ & from that to \$1. — with first rate binding — You must recollect this is first rate & in such style as few books are got up here — & you can have it done at almost any intermediate price according to the paper — & according as

profit or fame are your objects - I should think
a very elegant work might be got up for
50 cts a copy. The thick vellum sort of paper
is very costly, equally white may be had &
then a binding equally showy but not so
expensive would do - The thick paper requires
superior binding -

The person who looked over
my manuscript will do the same by yours
& professes to see to faults, punctuation, syntax
&c but says he is no critic in poetry - He
is however a modest man, of very extensive
reading, a Scotchman & I think as competent
a person as most - He has lately published a
review of a religious work which I think is
excellent & has been much eulogized by the
presbyterian clergy - I have delayed this letter until
to day thinking Sarah might be down & that
I could acknowledge her arrival - As she has
not been forthcoming I have concluded to
delay no longer - I suppose she will be
popping upon us in a long - Mary continues
as usual, but much troubled with difficulty
of breathing which I cannot relieve. I

have nothing further to add &
have only to subscribe myself
your aff. Bro.

Geo. A. Schuler

The folks send this love to you

Ch. Schuler
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W
S. Cole Esq^r
Catharine
N. York



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New York Nov^r 6th 1838

My Dear Thomas

Your letter to the Dr^r came to hand yesterday. You mentioned in it that if Mr^r Kiderer had not called to settle I was to write & has he has not called & we are without money I thought it best to write immediately the Dr^r expects the Landlord for the rent every day he is not exactly prepared himself but thinks he can borrow a little as he finds it very difficult to collect money, we have got in three loads of coal & ordered two more for the first of next month at the same price we have not got in wood potatoes or flour & I am afraid if we do not get them in soon they will be very high Mr^r Cook only owes us about \$8,00 so that we are in a pretty thin way in the money line I am sorry that it is so just at this time when your purse is so low for I am sure you must be harassed - I said we were without money but we have a few dollars in the house, & we owe a little - I am grieved to say that Mary's health does

not improve at all - I was glad to hear that you
had ~~enjoyed~~ enjoyed yourselves so much I should
have liked to have been of the party & to have swam
our goose together once more, but we ^{are} all in hopes of
driving the game here when you come down - I was
glad to hear that Maria thinks of coming down we
shall all be glad to see her, & my little Fuddy
Emma sends her love & says she wants to see her
little cousin & she is high up about the exhibition
of the ducks & the geese - My desires are to say
that you must not bring quite a bushel of acorns
that half a dozen will do - My aunt says
tell him to please to bring down some old
brushes, which you must not forget - I have
commenced reading Thalaba & am much pleased
with it but I do not know when I shall get through
with it as my time is very fully occupied -
Mr. Dunlap called this evening concerning the
pictures I saw him & he shewed me your letter
to Mr. Cummings, Mr. D. said he would send
for the pictures this afternoon but has not
done so he looks very delicate & says he feels

quite feeble, I hope this exhibition may be
of service to him. — My aunt has been suffering
very much for the past few days with the toothache
I see it has abated she is rather better to day & most
likely will be ~~well~~ tomorrow — Miss Benjamin has
gone to Pennsylvania to her Brothers — You do
not say a word about Harriet's coming down, I often
wonder what she is going to do, I hope she will
spend the winter here — I hope you are getting
along well with your Picture I am quite anxious
to see them & you — Henry has ordered a cap
from Glasgow & I really wish he had it. — Hope you
are all well as your colds — I must conclude
as it is getting very late — I am sorry to say that
provisions are very high — All join me in
love to you & Maria, kiss Freddy for me & give
my love to the girls — From your

Affectionate Brother

I mean to say Sister (only I was
looking at your letter)

Sarah Cole

LL
Mr. Thomas Cole



Catonsville
New York

Dear Thomas

New York May 18. 1839

I received the ^{premium} ~~day~~ immediately after your left. The letters I was surprised I pleased you had sent ~~that~~ so soon - the Robert also arrived safe in his luxurious envelope. He is now ~~enclosed~~ ^{inclosed} & enveloped in his native elements. The stony stuff is said to be alum slate with a small quantity of iron - The bags contents pretty much the same only with a much larger quantity of iron, not sufficient however to pay for cooking. - It is found in great abundance up the River, but is not rich enough to work. Chilton says this - he knew it immediately & said it was useless to analyze it being perfectly acquainted with it. If there is any quantity richer in iron I should think it might be worked to pay - I have been trying an experiment with it by firing a lid & shall shortly evaporate, but the liquid I expect will yield very little Opus -

I have this day received a letter from Chapman stating that he is about to build for John, that his funds are not abundant & in fine I must say I am disappointed for altho' my expectations were not very great at first, yet after writing my letter my hopes revived, & finally became a little sanguine. He has written a very friendly letter but I suppose he can make more of his money and we don't grow up avaricious as we increase in years.

We are all rather cut up, for every circumstance I have learnt since you left has encouraged me to go on ^{with the others} - An Englishman from Cheshire who is engaged to a chemical factory here for 3 years & has taught them to make alum, Red liquor & Iron liquor & now superintends the concern has confirmed all my men & others have told me & furthermore, that lead is not necessary - They use nothing but wood & are now engaged unlaying their works & going further into the alum business - This man says he will do any thing he can to help me, he is one of those kind old Englishmen you sometimes meet with & came to consult me professionally some time ago in consequence of being I had studied with W. Harrison of Chester

whose patient he had been at a former period - to you he then
is a perfect good feeling between us & he told me what it cost
to make it & that it would meet with a ready market - I
went to him to have the matter fairly set at rest &
expecting he would tell the black side made up my
mind for the work, but he never said a word about
difficulties & but promised if I began to come for a
day or so any time if I liked, but further he could not
promise as he was bound - He is trying an experiment on
your state & I am to see him on Wednesday or Thursday
He thinks ^{it} will make very good Alum & only fears the expense
of conveying it here - having found little iron in it - You
will perceive it is better without iron if this is not abundant.
I ~~am~~ ^{am} then by further ^{of further} ~~enquiry~~ ^{strengthened} in the belief of
the truth of my mans statements. He has made an experiment
with a pound of Clay. & I have the Alum ^{widely & recently made & not bought for the occasion} before me,
to morrow we are going to make some together that I may
see the operations - Don't I open my eyes? - It seems im-
possible to begin any thing under safer or more promising
circumstances & that would suit me so well & enable ^{me} to still to go
on with my profession at the same time. Having business this
man, accp to every thing that is doing in a Manufactory
already in operation, he has extraordinary facilities in effecting
sales, particularly for a business, by my acquaintance with
Druggists & dealers here. & yet I cannot see how I shall
get along. I know not where to enquire, for people that
have the money, generally ^{prefer that time in their way} ~~invest~~ ^{to} make money
than ~~investment~~ - And people like Chapman make money
by shaving notes &c. - I asked Chapman for \$1000 - but I
could get along with \$500. since I find wooden vessels will do,
with the \$500 you say I can have for 6 mos. & a building in a
most eligible situation close to Hudson in 13th St. is offered me for
\$300, & lease of lot ^{my reasonable only \$50 & 4 years} - I have no doubt I could get time to pay the
\$300 - as he is an acquaintance & owes me 60% of the money - The
plot is the key one to a few yards I was thinking of & he being
me loitering about, I told him & he made the offer - This person

is respectable Scotch man ^{a master stage merchant} whose family I have attended for
 some years. I have reason to believe I have gained their
 respect & confidence & regard in a high degree & imagine
 it would be a favourable thing to have them so near me as
 if ought went wrong in my absence I should hear of it this
 them - By ^{knowing} ~~giving~~ Rushton & a journal the agency for sale
 of my Alum ^{I think I could get St. J. it Hotel on credit}
 for the first ^{I have started, very great facilities} & altho I should have to pay a little more
 it would enable me to make a start at less outlay of Cash
 so that if I could any way raise \$500. I shall go ahead
 I saw the old Englishman last night, since I commenced this letter
 & after a careful reflection he has not changed his sentiments
 in any way to discourage me, but promises to furnish me with
 an estimate of cost of operations on the American plan
 now in use in this factory. This with the English one I have
 already will enable me ^{to} ~~to~~ think to do something
 on the safest ^{scheme} plan possible. The alum rate at Catskill
 would pay if it could ^{be} conveyed cheaply to the river -
 Sarah is going to write so farewell I shall
 continue to write & as you know I should have done so
 from ^{the} ~~the~~ ^{last} ~~last~~ ^{letter} to have from Chapman your kind
 Rem ^{all to Maria & her sister. - I hope}
 I am to ^{hear} ~~hear~~ ^{of it} ~~of it~~ I am full for her if she has Rheumatism

Co. As told us
 whether we
 unity is better
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My Dear Thomas The Dr. has left a space for
 one but I almost forgot what I was going to say
 The d d's hat is sent home but I do not know when
 I shall have an opportunity of sending it to you if I have
 none in the course of a day or two I will send it by the
 Dr. (most likely on Tuesday) but I will see I must first
 & if she thinks of going up this week I will not send it
 until she comes - Mr. Adams has been in town for several days
 said he would call to see us before he went to Catskill but
 would probably be on Saturday (yesterday) but has not done so
 - A circulator came for you the other day which I knew to be
 a circulator & I thought there was no use in sending it to you
 so opened it & it was to inform you that you were elected a
 member of the housing committee for next year - The Com
 - my must begin to look my beautiful now & I hope you are
 enjoying yourself, I hope that Emily is better before this & that Maria
 & the d d's are well as of course, give my love to all & when you
 hear from your affectionate sister Sarah Cole

Mr. Adams tells Henry to send you up & says
we have no news respecting Frank - only that Henry called
in at Mr. Davis on Sabbath & found him & from him got at
work transmitted by the steam of the State house - Mr. Jones

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L. Cole Esq
Cattkill N.Y.



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Admitted that your name was the last among of any
of them the last in the list is from the

New York May 30. '99

Dear Thomas

I have received your letter with the enclosure, a check on the Centon Bank of Columbus ^{for \$250} & \$50 Cash - for which I thank you most warmly - I have made arrangements for \$500 in another quarter, but still shall require \$250 more for six months to go along safely. Did I understand you I could have that ~~sum~~ in addition to what you have sent, positively for a short time or not? ^{3 #} as you do not mention it in your last letter. I am a little fearful I have been misleading myself. If I may calculate upon that sum for from 4 to 6 mos before they will want it I can go along comfortably, but would not like to embarrass them of course - Will you write a line or two on this subject immediately - I have not broken ground, but ^{if I have not misled myself in what I might expect from you} there is nothing now to prevent my going ahead - Circumstances are if any thing more promising than at the more I enquire, the better do I like the prospects, altho' nothing particular has transpired only that Partridge a very noted dealer in dye stuffs & acquainted with the State of Manufactures in the U.S. generally speaks as well as any other man & a judicious, thinking person of 30 years of age encourages me after evidently

I recollect entirely going and having been "home" of 1 year's money in your last letter but now I am as well as ever all together, but by all means I will not suffer - Henry 7/19. certain -

thinking the matter over or made enquiry -

Benny has received his money from Mr Rogers -

I have not had an opportunity of enquiring about
the steamer since the receipt of your letter, but
will do so I send word in my next - I am
hoping to send by mail as you may be uneasy
if you do not receive a receipt -

I am your aff. servt.

Geo Schultz

W
J. Cook Esq
Catharine N. York



My Dear Maria,

I have nothing particular to write about; but feeling in some perturbation of mind and having a little time I will indulge myself in writing. I have not yet decided whether to go abroad or not but must this very day because it is necessary if I go in the Liverpool that I take a passage immediately. I think I shall have to go; but the idea of leaving you & Freddy ~~causes~~ me much pain and I can hardly find it possible to make up my mind to do so & defer it as long as possible.

Mr Morse will give me letters to distinguished individuals abroad and I can get others very important. But how can I go & leave you? I have seen nobody & scarcely I wanted to see

Since I have been down, every body out.

To morrow I shall see Mr Ward if I can &
Mr Potts - I delivered Hamlet's Letter Yes-
terday and intend to see Mr Spencer to day.

All are pretty well here - I hope Emily
is better - Give my love to all. and kiss

Meedly for me & believe as ever

Yours affectionately

Thomas Cole.

I wish you could come up with me ~~perhaps~~
at if possible on Tuesday in the Frank.

N York

June 9th

1839

I scarcely think I
shall go. I have

been giving the matter a
calm consideration

Wm Thomas Cook
Catskills
N. Y.



My Dear Thomas

Catskill June 11th 1859

I received your letter this morning & ha-
ven't to beg you not to let me in any way prevent you
from going abroad. — If you feel it at all neces-
sary, or that it will be advantageous I want you
by all means to go. — I have thought of it so long
that I have quite made up my mind to ~~be~~ ^{be}
^{perfectly} resined to it. — but I don't believe that I ever
can again. — — so if you ever think of going
with out me do go now. — I have no doubt
myself but that it will be advantageous. — &
if you make studies for me W. Pictures. — while
gone. — you will not lose so much time. —
I spent this morning at the books. — they tryed
to prevail upon me to spend the day, but I felt
anxious to write you a line, I thought of doing
so all day yesterday, — fearing you might hes-
itate on our account. — Freddy's eyes are a
good deal inflamed, yet I think it is owing
to his teeth. — Mr Shepard came here on Satur-
day & says that Cousin M. & Mr Oakley will
be up the first of this week. — Emily is no
better. — if you should give up going I think

that Sarah had better defer her visit a little longer. - it will be pleasanter for her, for we have not yet finished house cleaning & the girls have so much to do. - It is time to send this to the mail, so with love to all and a great deal for yourself. I remain

Your as ever, M. Cole

I shall scarcely expect you in the Frank for if you go I think that you will have to spend a longer time there. _____

Dr

Mr Thomas Cole

Lough-Street

New York



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Canandaigua August. 3, 1839

My dear Maria,

You will see by the date when I am now, although you will perceive that it is not my hand writing. The fact is I got hold of a piece of paper on which somebody else has commenced. ~~I write~~ I write now because I wish to relieve myself by doing so of some of the depression of spirit & anxiety under which I have laboured ever since I left home. From the first moment I started I felt that it would have been better had I ~~accepted~~ refused Mr Ruggles invitation. The time I shall expend will amount most probably to much more than the benefit I shall receive. And I would suffer what I have ~~so~~ suffered in anxiety about Thedy & yourself for far more than all the good I can possibly get. The truth is I was foolish to yield when my prepossessions were against his journey & if you had only said / you had

rather stay at home") I should have done
so. I have to I met Mr & Mrs Pugh on
board the Boat & we have travelled through
a great deal of very beautiful Agricultural
Country. but after all there are no Catskill
Mountains - and it is monotonous in the extreme
We arrived this evening at this place which the
most beautiful I have seen - We spent
part of the evening at a Mr Greig a Scotch
Gentleman who has really a palace here
Marble Statues Pictures a beautiful Garden
&c &c - I wish you could see it there
is nothing in or about New York to be compa-
red with it. There is a fine panoramic
view from the top of this house - Gentle
hills covered with grain & dark green woods
and the beautiful Canadian Lakes
below - To-morrow we shall proceed to
Genesee. I am afraid that I shall be
a day or two longer than I expected in
consequence of the journey being greater than

Expected, but I assure you I shall haste
back as speedily as possible. I hope to
make up for the lost time in time is any.
I hope Teddy is recovered - I am very anxious
about him - I should like to hear but that
is ~~so~~ impossible - If Sarah writes to Latitia
perhaps it would be well for you to open the
letter & if there is anything in particular write
to me Post office Albany when I will call im-
mediately on arriving there, you know I think
of remaining a day there to take the train for
the Van Rensselaer;

My dear I must close this letter with
a kiss of Teddy & yourself & love to
all the girls -

I remain

Yours affectionately

Friday Evg.

Thomas Cole

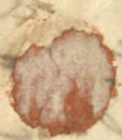
Description of Canandaigua.

1834

Mr. Thomas Cole

Cattaraugus

N. York.



Auburn Saturday 16 Augth 1839

My dear Maria,

Mr Wardruff of Lockport who
married a niece of Mr Bellamy's - will do me
the favour to give or send this to you - I should
be in Catskill as soon as he: if it were not for
the Van-Rensselaer business - I write this at
Auburn when I intend to spend the night -
I could have proceeded to Utica this afternoon
but it would have saved me no time as to-morrow
is Sunday - I ~~do~~ expect to arrive in Albany
to-morrow Evening & I hope to finish my bu-
-siness ~~in~~ there on Monday and come down
in the C & P Boat but I may not be successful
so do not expect me till Tuesday -
I am very very desirous to be at home, I have
a good deal to tell you - I hope I shall
find all well - Give a Kiss to Neddy for me
and my love to the Girls & respects to your
Uncle & do not suppose because I have
written on blue paper that I am in the blues
Good bye my dear Maria - hoping to see
you soon I remain affectionately yours
Thomas Lee

Mrs Thomas Cole

Catskill

By the Postoffice of
W. W. Woodruff, R. 5, N. B.

Dear Thomas,

I received your letter yesterday

I return you a thousand thanks for your kindness -
I hope however I shall be able to manage
without making use of the picture, at all
vents it shall not be for the want of exertion -
I am happy to say that some experiments in
puddling (as you mention) which have been very
doubtful, indeed which, ^{was} almost positive would
not succeed, promise to day to answer & if they
do, it will save a great outlay of lead & which
I see no means of obtaining - I have been
sadly harassed about the rats leaking, but
should the puddling plan succeed, it will be a
most happy thing - It is the wiping wells that I
have the trouble with; they have to stand, naked oil
of bitual fish, then the same with an intense heat
& ebullition - to you may suppose it is no ordinary
material that will do - We are going to lay 4 inches
clay round in the rats in puddle state & then a course of
bricks - this ^{is} the plan in England only they put the bricks
in the ground & make the wall 2 bricks thick & the clay
a foot thick all round - We are in hopes the wooden

mat, will make up for the deficiency of clay & brick -
Should we have to take up the wood and make them
entirely on the English plan it would not cost so much
as lead, but our experiments rendered it doubtful
if the clay would hold after all - It seems to day however
to promise fair - Henry has been up to Newburgh for
clay last Saturday & returned Sunday, after all it
was worse than our own, which seems to be the best -
He has told at Newburgh that the Catskill (blue I think)
clay was the best, but I considered it - must be some
thing like our own & consequently no better, perhaps
you may learn something about it & if ^{more} likely to
succeed, if ours does not, you might send us some
or try a small experiment for us when Henry is up -
Henry will be up on Saturday next - The canoes
is in the custom house, Henry will bring with him
samples of it with the pieces & the patent papers -
I make little doubt but the mortgage on the
Mauk lots can be extended if the interest is paid -
The debt is secured -

I hope Maria is well & all of them, till
she to keep up her spirits - If she has a little girl ^{with}
I will see it or know why - I will strain my
nose if it is only for one night to come to Catskill -
If it is another ^{but, just attributed to cough when time this fall} boy, I may take it more seriously - I
hope Shaddy is better & that you are all as well
as we seem to be here, thank God for it - We have

been favoured since poor Mary's death -

I shall send you more particulars
when Henry goes up & in the mean time I
shall neverly repeat how grateful I feel for
your kind assistance -

Since the clay has been about Emma
has been up to her eyes in it & has modelled some
little trifles, that had me to think the art might
be cultivated by her with good result - There
is a sort of character & proportion about her
tiny ~~little~~ men & women that really has surprised
& pleased us all -

A letter from England your Aunt
Mary they think ^{member} Choddy has arrived but
Sarah has thought best to send it by Henry

On enquiring I find there are no
further commands, only a desire to have their
love sent to Maria & all hands -

I am your aff. Bro?

Geo Schuler

New York Aug 20th 1835

Henry will come on
Saturday or Monday & bring
with him a plan of a house
2 stories 40 feet square

J. Cole Esq.
Catskill
N. York.

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