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DESCRIPTION OF REPRODUCED ITEM:

Elizabeth Whiting Phelps Huntington. ALS, Oswego, to Edward, 1831 Jul 19.
In: Porter-Phelps-Huntington Family Papers (Box 12 Folder 3).

at nine o'clock, we went on board the grand steam-boat
Great Britain, with a very heavy gale from the north-
west which had been blowing all night and had produced
a great swell in the lake - we had not sailed ten
minutes before we began to grow dizzy, and in a
short time the carpet of the cabin was covered with
females, laid prostrate - hastening to relieve their stomachs
of the breakfast they had just taken - Elizabeth and I
lay near together, and very lovingly sympathized with
each other - This scene continued till we entered the
river St Lawrence, when the motion being less violent
the sickness began to abate - we arrived at Kingston about
four or five o'clock, rather debilitated - next day we felt
rather weak till noon - but after that felt no bad
effect from the sickness. In the morning we
attended worship at the Roman Catholic Church - at
noon, at the Scotch Presbyterian where we were much
gratified and I hope instructed - after dinner we attend-
ed again at the Scotch Church - after which we
visited a Sunday school belonging to the American
Sunday School Union - and principally taught by the
Speaker of Parliament - On our way back to our
lodgings we went into the Episcopal Church where
doors were not yet closed - and found it a very
handsome building - neatly furnished, and having also
a clock and organ - The rest of the day and evening
Elizabeth and I spent in our room - having carried
books with us for the occasion - yesterday morning was
raining and windy, and with the lame spirit of disappoin-
ment of our trip home - but as is often the case our
fears were groundless - we had a very pleasant and
comfortable time; left Kingston just after twelve, and had
turn back -

Quebec July 19th 1831 - Tuesday forenoon

Dear Edward,

Yours and Marys of the 11th inst. we
received last evening, for which I thank you and
her, but would especially notice the goodness of
God, in permitting us to hear from our dear
friends of their safety and comfort - we may
rightly say, "truly good news and mercy have
followed us all our days." "What shall we
say to the Lord for all his benefits?"

Your father moved on westward last Thursday, as
I informed you in a letter which I sent to Theophilus
last week - consequently he will not be able to
direct you respecting license till we meet at Auburn
which by the favor of providence will be next
week Thursday - You will perhaps be surprised
to learn, that I have been in the British Dominion
but strange as it may seem it is really a fact -
Friday evening, Mr. Allan Bronson and his wife called
here, and in speaking of their intention to visit
Kingston the next day, with a party of their
acquaintances, proposed to Mr. and Mrs. Fisher, &
myself to join them - Mr. Fisher kindly offered
to stay and take charge of the family - and
Mr. Bronson very politely engaged to render all
the attention in his power to Mr. Fisher and my-
self - in short their united suggestions added to the
possibility that it might be beneficial to my health
induced me to undertake the expedition - accordingly
I turned to the last page

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Mr. Edward P. Huntington

Hadley Upper Mills
Vermont

Massachusetts



While reading your letter last evening
Mr. Fisher, has found very truly, he will not
forget this affliction, & that it may
prevent him from
land last evening - in which she invites us very cordially
to make her a visit; I hardly think however that
we shall be able to do it. I often wonder what I was
made for - and what purpose is to be answered by this
journey - and fear I am not in the way of duty -
and am almost sure that I have not the use
and exercise of my reason - much less of that faith &
hope which is the comfort and glory of the Christian.
But "hush my complaining doubting heart".

The satisfaction of meeting Mr. Fisher and the children on
the pier a little after seven. - Thus have we been preserved
and guarded by the ever watchful care of a kind
providence. - I am rather ashamed of this backward
way of writing my letter - but was not sensible of
the mistake till I turned to begin this page. -
Mrs. Fisher received a letter from Mrs. Wells of Rich-
land last evening - in which she invites us very cordially
to make her a visit; I hardly think however that
we shall be able to do it. I often wonder what I was
made for - and what purpose is to be answered by this
journey - and fear I am not in the way of duty -
and am almost sure that I have not the use
and exercise of my reason - much less of that faith &
hope which is the comfort and glory of the Christian.
But "hush my complaining doubting heart".
The time draws nigh that you will expect to
see Whiting - I shall perhaps think of you at the
time - I have thought he will probably be at home
Thursday or Friday - may the Lord be present
with you to bless your intercourse - and may
we be permitted to join you in due time
with grateful obedient hearts. This vacation is
calculated to awaken our keenest sensibilities -
may we indulge no feelings inconsistent with
a firm and humble trust in the mercy of God.
My health is no worse, on some accounts I think
it is better - tell Theophilus he must breathe
from his barrels; the motion produced in the
stomach by this manner of breathing is very impor-
tant in this disease - and from my own experience
I find a propensity to breathe only from the breast.
Having thus filled up the paper I subscribe as ever your
most affectionate mother Elizabeth.