

Elm House 8th Mo 11. 1857

Dear Anna

We were quite disappointed on calling at the North Conway Post Office this morning in not receiving any letters from home. I hope you received my despatch from ~~Scraper~~ Dover stating that we would be there on 22nd ~~24th~~ day. We find we were mistaken however in supposing we should pass through that place in going from the Elm House to Crawford but we left word with the Postmaster if any letters came tomorrow to forward them to the Crawford House when we intend going tomorrow. We had expected to ascend Mt. Washington from this place but find on reaching it that the carriage road, which last season reached

As within two miles of the Summit is not
used now & as the ascent is made only
on horse back we have deferred our ex-
cursion till we reach Crawford then will
be governed by circumstances before deter-
mining whether we ascent at all.

We had a very hard rain last night
which has made the road very muddy
so that our carriage was splashed from
top to bottom - but it had the effect also
of raising the streams so as to show us
two beautiful cascades on the road in
perfection. The first we stumbled on
accidentally - the hostler who was giv-
ing our horses water at Bartlett telling
us of it. The Ellis river which is the
stream which runs up the W. side of Mt
Washington & along which our course lay
a good part of the way today - here falls
in an irregular cascade a distance of 8 1/2

feet. The body of water today was I
 should think as large as the Schuylkill at
 Mouch Chunk. The other fall was at the
 place where we stopped to dine on a branch
 of Eltis river & was more of the nature of
 rapids. It was very wild & beautiful however
 & we passed our time looking at it while
 waiting for our dinner. There is another
 fall which we had intended stopping at about
 four miles from here, but it commenced rain-
 ing pretty smartly just before we got to
 the place so we drove on. We intend how-
 ever to stop there tomorrow on our way.

The little shower we had today is the only
 weather which has interfered with our con-
 fort in the slightest degree since we left.
 We have had two rains at night & during
 the day it has generally been clear & ac-
 cording to our October weather. It suits
 me & makes me feel as if I was very much
 out of my place trading and peddling.

afflicting an invalid.

Fourth Day morning. This is a splendid, cool morning. a wood fire blazing in the hall & thick clothes quite in place. I slept last night under two blankets which is considerable for me. This house is very fine, & situated for seeing the mountains. It is in a kind of basin surrounded on all sides by the mountains just far enough off to allow a little air to get to us. If we had more comfortable apartments we would stay here a day but as it is we think we had better move on. As it is nearly breakfast time & I want to send the children a little note I must stop. With love to all

Remain thine truly
P. R. Hope