Winnipeg, June 16th, 1835.

My dear aunt,

I have been wishing to send little epistles to your young ones, that I may bring letter to yourself, little from another brief, but as you are still to be letter in my brief, I may continue.

Well out to thoroughly upbraid me at it. Thrice it be to — you will smile at my importance present to youself.

And I must explain my reason for in. Wishing your name in the book — I thought by that means to make it more family pro.

Pity, and enter its general premise — I wish I knew exactly the age of you.
My little Contessa, as I endeavored better judge what books were suitable for them - but as those I have now selected are all on instructive subjects, and very recently published, I hope they will be acceptable - A habit of observing and learning into the beauties and wonders of nature is a blessed one for a child to possess, it gives them a custom of thinking for themselves, and finds interesting and ever profitable employment both for their young minds - I carefully omitted from sending the little Colonists any tale books, too or another which would make them long for more extensive know.ledge of things out of their present reach - I have been out to try to find a book on shells written in a familiar style, but could not meet with to my mind - I may perhaps be more for transact another thing, and help my little presents being meanwhile smarter - may young naturalists.
whose gifts of birds and shells were extremely pleasing to me, and were very often exhibited, and by them form a part of my furniture—I wish that circumstance did not prejudice the possibility of my telling you and all my dear friends in New London Land for it would give the utmost pleasure. Johnson has almost entirely given up the duty, & therefore your utmost will take it behind your own back, learn from here—I am Secretary both for the Foreign and Home Departments, and unless Government officers do not find my situation tenable—indeed I hold a really official appointment, having all the books to do with the Corn Inspector for Ohio in the nominal job, of which situation I am made Judge of the same. Ralph’s health for a long time stagnated, and as it is all the dome work, calculations, averages & taking—I give a weekly account to the London office of the quantity, kind, and price of all English grain and having the several averages arithmetically, I accomplish my duties with the utmost propriety.
of my approaching it may truly be said. This
handwriting is legion for they are uneasy - And
store your writing is included - If all kinds
my time is truly valuable and I cannot bear
to have it lost away by calling and writing.
I dislike that it generally termed society - be-
less it is intellectual and profitable, I like
my own to well, that unless I can find better
I prefer home - My writing, painting, writing, study, work and business leave me
little excuse for being greatly idle. I
hope you will read my poems, and like them.
They are only just coming out here, and have
only been seen by comparatively few persons,
but the opinion entertained of them is highly
flattering to their young authors. - I shall
also send you a separate specimen of my
calligraphy, in a proof plate of my uncle's
house, in Gloucestershire, which is in reality
much prettier than any engraving, but they
are greatly pleased with my attempt.
I must refer you to my other letter for news of English friends, for which I have sent a manuscript to there.

Now, I hope the mails have been from you, and that my packages have all arrived safely. Permit me to send my best love,

and accept the sincere from

Your sincerely affectionate

[Signature]