

[c. 1855]

Dear Aunt Danville April 22<sup>nd</sup>

I am ashamed because I have not wrote to you before but you must excuse me for doing as I have I have not much to write about but will do my best I was sorry to hear such news of you and wished a great many times that I could see you but could not I had such a time getting here after I started that I did not want to try it again unless they would come so and we could not start Caleb and this is one reason that I have not written before I did not know but I should come and tell you all. I was sorry to hear that Shael ~~done~~ as he has for I thought that he thought more of her than that. how does Caleb and Hellen get along in their new life - Mary and I think that the rest of the girls be soon getting married right off she has