Easthampton, Aug. 19, 1846

My dear sir,

My regret was equal to yours own at hearing that New York without seeing you. But it could not be avoided as I could not, prior to the hour of my departure from home, ascertain the day of leaving, and therefore could write to no one—had to stop a night at Minto for Alice, and unless I took the evening train for Greenport should necessarily have been detained until Monday in the City. I resolved therefore to take a hearty plate of soup at the Hotel and hurry on. As it was I was near being left. We reached here at 11 past 11, and took every one by surprise—Julia with the white feebly in fact improving in health. She rode out for the first time to day. The horses were gentle and yet I confess I should much rather have had you in command than John, who in the event of any difficulty would be but an in different reliance. However they seem to be well broken and feel I will use them freely in future.

The little boy, yours namesake, all the not so far as I had expected to have seen him, is quite
in good health and yours remain.

Can you not continue us some fruit
from N.Y.? Soft peaches would be a luxury
with us, as none are raised in this vicinity
this year, and yet I know not how they can
be forwarded. I hope you will bring yourself
at some early day, as I am sadly in want
of the society of a brother fisherman. The duties
of your office I am aware detain you, and you
don't always have the time, and therefore
I must get on as well as I can and write John.

The letters which you forwarded were
much appreciated, and therefore came soon
enough to hand.

Yours, etc.

John Tyler

Col. D. L. Gardner

[Signature]