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Richmond May 25

It is with much pleasure
my dear Elizabeth I inform you, that Miss
Lambert made her appearance in this world of
trouble last night at 9 o'clock (Sunday) we
were at Sisters when the accident happened, she
is a large sturdy fat wench as we say in Scotland
and not at all troubled with that agreeable
article called beauty, her eyes are dark blue
her mama says she is to be called Sally after
our mother, if she is like her in every respect
she will do well as I am told our mother
was a most estimable woman and beloved by
all who knew her; Dave is quite charmed with
his new sister and says he has now no love for
his big sister, our mutual friend of the Boa
species passed here yesterday I did not see him, he
told Aunt Hannah he lived in town so we may
shortly expect a long visit from him so I
think I had better scrape up all my natural
Historical knowledge to entertain him the hours he stays

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We have had the Chinese lady here for some days
she is quite a curiosity for those who regard

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deformities as such, I felt no curiosity to see her.
her foot which was exhibited naked on one occasion
is very little larger than this infants born yesterday
It is still her custom to bandage it very tight
when retiring for the night fearing I suppose
it might grow larger, she says the ladies here
have such large staring eyes, and such tremendous
feet, Eliza paid her a visit but was more
pleased with the curiosities about the room
than the lady she saw and heard the Gong
the Chinese boy the interpreter of Afong Moy
is a remarkably well educated boy of about 18
Eliza asked him how the ladies employed their time
a[s ?] they never read. he said O they dress themselves
and comb their hair which always takes them some
hours, hours, to smooth and brush, now supposed
my dear Cousin you were to devote as much to
your ringlets what would you think of yourself
and we of you. I suppose D. Williamson cares nothing
about seeing her now altho, he proposed to be so much
in love with the Princess, but now how changed
the view a few short months changes the face
of affairs most wonderfully, we cannot tell what a
day or an hour may bring forth, I wrote a long
letter to Ann last week. She has not yet answered it.
Mrs Young and Miss W. went to Norfolk on Sunday
Ann will certainly return with them so I hear [P.T.O.?)

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I have just finished Fanny Kemble's Journal and think it an interesting work, altho very many vulgar sentences are to be found in the work yet we may readily perceive she is a woman of talent and reading some of her descriptions are beautiful, she like Mrs Trollope tells many thruths (truths) which we unfortunately dislike to hear I understand from Mrs T Sully who has lately been here that she entertains in splendid style, several services of silver She offered 20 thousand dollars to the bookseller to suppress the work but it could not be done, she is now writing a novel. Tell John I have just commenced A Tour on the Prairies by the Author of the sketch book. I have found it very descriptive and excellent as far as I have gone, I wish he had it as I believe he likes to read of Indians, and such like gentle creatures, Mr Daughery sent me last night the defence [sic.] of, the Six Months in a Convent, written by the Superior, she of course contradicts every thing Miss B has written and calls them black falsehoods, and now my dear Liz in conclusion I will add this remark

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if you do not come up with your brother John I shall
feel quite mortified as this is such sweet season for a
visit and you I know have nothing to prevent if any of
us can accompany you down be assured we will, but
recollect you owe me many many visits of years
standing so please do not hesitate to come.

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I am convinced cousins Pam A will give their consent.
my best love to both and tell them I will take good care of you
Tell John W. that our friends for the week were much
hurt at his not paying them a visit, so he and I must
and will go and kiss them all when he comes again and
you, miss will not be excluded in our p [eregrination?] "all
the time,"

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Miss Elizabeth Galt

Attention of

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tell Sally I was at Miss Liscomb's Queen of May on Friday
it was a most beautiful and interesting sight I wished for
her as I know she would have been pleased to see twenty little
girls with wreaths and crowns on, made of the most beautiful
flowers of the season, and now Elizzy farewell. do write
soon to your affectionate

S. L [Sally Lambert]

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To Mrs. Galt,

So my dear Cousin spare E a few weeks to us. I really thing you
might as we are all so anxious to have her amongst us I do not think
you have any reason, why you should withhold so gratifying a request,
love to A and tell him I wish he would come up
on Thursday to see Mr Mitchell ascend in the
balloon as I believe he never saw one, we all intend going to see it.