with your misfortune with as much composure as possible because so much depends on keeping and cheerfulness of mind and feeling for the preservation of life in your case. I sincerely wish I could be with you to assist Augusta in her care of you—I hope it will not be many weeks before you will be able to travel and return us here where you can enjoy the presence of your whole family and many friends—friends of whose affection you cannot doubt—I saw John How and told him you have no better or true friend—he said just going to sit down to write to you—I am spending all my time just now with the Masons who are building our cellar well—they are about half done.

Albert Gardner called in an hour ago and said Dave Douglas, extreme Lt. Prince, had oil for last night and with gunpowder blew off the lock of his safe but found only about $3—love to you both.

Love, Fanny.

Dover
June 5th 1864

My dear Augustine, I received
Minie of May 31st yesterday and
would have answered it immedi-
ately but I went to the new lot
and then to call on lady Spaul-
G. cleaning house so I placed to
nurse all the afternoon. C said
there was so much but I thought I
would, and being was so pleased
to be with me. I did not wish to
go. She seemed very happy and
quite at home, and has improved
in appearance, C said told C. she
ought to have increased, that
she might see how much she gains.
Shapilda appears much better
now, One little ones at home
are well, Robin sometimes con-
plains of being "tired" but I think
it is the heat, and his being so fat,
Sella is attending school, regularly now, the first few days of my absence, I did not insist on her going, but allowed her to do as she wished. She is somewhat restless and wishes to visit often more than we think profitable, but until we submit to what we require, and she does not wish them to be uneasy on her account or on the boys or mine, I get on very well with them.

We are all so anxious about L, that the time seems long between letters, and we anxiously look for one which says he is quite out of danger, and we want it "officially." I and we all, are anxious about clean dress, we have heard nothing from him since 1st of May. The Regiment was in Camp near Kingston, Georgia. There has been some fighting since, and we wait to hear.

Peter Lowe called to say he was going to Washington, and to see if we wished to send anything to him, but it was before my nearest return, and we only sent a letter. I have a real desire, and will get Father to finish for me.

Much love to your dear from another.

Your mother has left me nothing to say which can either amuse or interest you—I feel very anxious to say or do something to cheer all before but have so little talent in that way that I may not attempt it—I am glad that all have found time and inclination to call on him and especially that, offered him the hospitality of his house. A great inquiry are made of me as to the condition of the Negroes. Many from real friends and a few perhaps from curiosity and common curiosity. The tone and manner of the inquiry generally indicate the sincerity of the inquirer, or the want of it. To all, I will say, I hope you will hear...