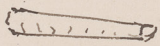


Little Melis
Sept-11th 1840

Dearest

The day has slipped
by rapidly. I made B. &
go into all his clothing
& sort out his colors & de-
cide as to his coat of, & other
requisite, also change them
to our room where I can
easily referential - Clara
has been pecking up Miss
Sutherland, & truth settle
for Miss Beck. It is hard
to have refuse when the
cry is "Westward Ho!"

Lais was doing nurse
for Aunt F = I had about
seven we all got to the
beach - & found the creatures
unusually amusing the
shrimps were changing their
shells wholesale - I never

never anything so curious
time past w^d be clearer and
in the middle & stick up
absurdly then they w^d
irregular and of one half of
the old shell & at this
stage the children w^d pull
off the other end & they w^d
break off - also the children
found some of those curious
sand tubes -  with
the living occupant & they
had golden teeth shining
like metal.

The first was while
on the grass early this a.m.
but weather still fine
though cool - Hooper packed
all the grain - C.C. carried
it - from the warehouse &
put the bottles into the
baskets - gave little sand!
I received your letter
with much surprise &
pleasure - & I hope all the

little household arrangements may
work well, I believe the very manner
of settling requires a degree of your judgment
& your wisdom to distinguish the measures all
right - I hope your former son, all
right - I trust he will be a true ornament
of the world - I am also believe I think
it will come out all right - I think
take every measure of quiet - I am
Mrs. Flitt's house just this season
I am not here - but several
times we received several carriages
with rather numerous guests
It will be really good after a
measure - I hope it will be a

Wishes love to you & Cor. & Mrs. M.
where you are well. I do hope all the
wishes of your best - remember

Respectfully

Anna