

I have not felt half so lonely or depressed
since your life as I did during our little trip
to Parliament being, altho' unwillingly so much
out. has, I daresay, been of use in preventing
me from giving way to grief as I expected
to do, yet these are times when an intense
longing to hear from you seizes me. So
Cold & Stormy a July has never been known
here, & there is much remark about
it in connection with the prospects
of successfully laying the Cable.

As mama never speaks much without
introducing a little lecture. neither can
she write much without a word of
advice. I do not see you giving unnecessary
trouble, nor wish you to do so, yet always
frankly tell your Aunt if you feel small
as are in any way uncomfortable. Do not
ever forget your health is the chief thing
to be provided for & allow your desire

to see any place or go any where to induce
you to risk our fatiguing yourself. Think of
the responsibility of being so much left to your
own judgment, decide what you think
best in your circumstances & do not allow
inclination or feeling to draw you aside
from duty. Make yourself agreeable to
all your friends & make it easy for them
to love you. Continually ask God, as your
heavenly father, to guide you & bless you in
body & soul. You know my prayers ascend
morning & evening for you — that you may
give us stature & in favor with
God & man.

I have been asking Rankine if he had
a message to you — he wishes to tell you his
Uncles beans are growing finely & at any rate
to give you his love. Dear Eva he sends
kisses.

Accept my great wish from
your affectionate
Mamma