

The "C. M. P." & there was followed
 by each one as they arrived. It was
 an immensely great surprise to us all - perhaps
 we may have included the hope that
 there after the settlement of the important
 mission to which you have been giving
 your attention you might be thanked
 in some suitable way, ^{but} the name of
 us had expected that you would
 be publicly honoured at the present
 stage at which the matter stands, so
 we accept it as a mark of genuine apprecia-
 tion of the benefit of the work you have
 already done. I do I am very much gratified
 & hope that you yourself will not carry
 your modesty so far as to deprive yourself
 of the by-its-own pleasure you should
 take out of the appreciation of your fellow-
 men for high talents, & better still, for
 honest, hard work. Compulsory accomplished

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Jane Parker has had a most kind
 letter of Congratulation from Lord Stanley
 & also from Mr John Abate & as for
 me I am surprised to find how kind
 & friendly people are in making such
 an event & remembering to say something
 pleasant to one about it as soon as
 occasion offers; then my father Congra-
 tulated me, adding, "I don't remember three
 few parents lived to see their sons so dis-
 tinguished."

Mr. Peapack after a ten days of dissipation
 has sailed again for England last
 Thursday by "Aurania" & hopes to find
 Jane in London on his arrival.
 Mr. Wyatt Eaton has just finished a
 portrait of old Lady Jane which bears
 with pleasant smiles & is altogether to his
 satisfaction. Mr. McDaniel is making
 arrangements to begin "sittings" for his
 probably to be put in one of his buildings.

The family are all well. altho poor Anna
 has suffered another change in her nursing
 her last nurse (just broken into hopefully
 good ways) having had to be sent to the
 hospital with inflammatory rheumatism.
 this has led to a kind of lady's tails amongst
 our domestics. A. getting Louis Swiss nurse
 & taking my Clara. I have taken again
 Emma a Metis French Canadian as table maid.
 I am still in a transition & somewhat uncertain
 state as to Cooks, altho I hope to get one to be
 so Considerate as to come to my aid on Wed:
 next.!! Hope, Rankine & Dr. striking as off
 on a fishing expedition, 40 miles back of
 Joliette. It has rained heavily half the time
 since they left & we are longing to see them
 safely back. especially as R. intended to leave
 (via N.Y) for England tomorrow P.M.
 With all love & renewed Congratulatory
 the honours you have received I am as
 always your affectionate Mother.