Milton near Boston June 30 1845.

Dear Wolcott, How strange it seems to be writing to you by the steamer, you in Prussia! I can understand however your position & know that even this letter will be acceptable. You were to write me as soon as you were settled in Berlin but nothing has reached me yet. I have determined for some time to write & now a particular reason is added for doing so. We, that is Mother, Mary, Frederic & myself are at Mary's new farm in Milton on the slope of the blue hills. Mother & I go to Newport in a week where we expect to meet your Mother & George & the others of your family. We heard from them a week since when they were well. Aunt Sarah's house sold for $48,000 & is to be occupied by a friend of ours, Mr. Hooper. The back lots are building on. Aunt S. is in Newport. Robert Hare is making her a visit with his intended, Caroline Fleming. He has been in our neighborhood with her for a fortnight & has driven over to this place two or three times. He seems quite renovated and the lady much attached. She is a fine girl. Robert brought on a pair of matched saddle horses in a wagon with which they drive & ride. He has also had an addition built to his father's house for her. I hope nothing will interfere this time with his happiness. (Dear Wolcott, I am very glad to have a line given me in whh I may thank you for the book you sent me, whh I value very much as coming from you. Dear Wol, we think of you very often. do not forget us but write of your strange land to us - Hannah spent the day here last week & you were kindly remembered by her. We all hope great things for you & from you. Fred will be very glad to of, from & thro you he says. Tell us of Ronge - the 2d Luther baby well & creeps - Most affecly - M C E.) To continue - The Hares except Rob. are to stay at the Hunneman hill farm. Harry made us a little visit at Boston, in low spirits. He had been unfortunate I surmise in an affair du coeur. Anna Russell is in Boston & expected to call here tomorrow. (We are 8 miles from the city on a place covered with fruit) We have not heard from Elisa lately. No news is good news. Mrs. Becker is near Boston & has just lost one of her children (scarlet fever). As to public news the new postage law goes into operation tomorrow. Texas still hangs in suspense but there is little hope. Dorr was liberated two or three days ago by the R. I. legislature. Morse's telegraph is in process of extension to N.Y. New railroads are springing up in all directions. Companies of from one hundred upwards are crossing to Oregon in constant succession. I think the country is gaining strength notwithstanding its follies & sins. The copper country near lake Superior is proving immensely rich especially in silver. Gen'l Jackson is finally dead. Mr. Dewey in a sermon preached & published in Boston, anniversary week, attacked Strauss. The liberal party among the Unitarians here showed a great deal of strength & the Unitarian clergy took very strong ground against slavery. Cassies M'Clay in K'y is publishing a weekly paper denouncing slavery with great effect. We are much interested in Ronge's reformation - so much so that I wish to present to him & Cserski each a set of my father's works - as a testimony of respect. On enquiry I find that such an effort made through you can not subject you to any trouble & I have therefore forwarded or shall forward to a house in Hamburg two sets of the works with instructions that they shall be delivered to you free of cost as far as is possible. All expense I will of course repay at once. Will you then forward them respectively to Rev. Johannes Ronge & Revd --- Cserski in any manner that will best insure their safe arrival. Though I am very desirous to effect this you will not of course let it interfere in any way with your various pursuits & responsibilities. They may not reach you. If they do the remainder of the way will