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Letter to Alton Easton from Mary Sibley, October 1825

Mary Easton Sibley
St. Charles, Missouri

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Saint Louis Octobr. 1825

What shall I say to you my beloved brother when I have so much to complain of your unkind silence? Shall I reproach you with a want of affection to your family? Or shall I attribute it to indolence and inattention to your duties – either supposition would be painful to me, because much your discredit I will therefore discard all hard thought and hope that you can give some good reason for your apparent neglect of your nearest and dearest relatives. It is sufficient for you to bear at present if you feel as you ought to know that our father feels hurt and offended that you do not write oftener, to him and [hole in page] you left it to public report to inform him of the disagreeable fact that you are again another year put back in your studies, and consequently came very near to being dismissed; heart undying intelligence to you father who has taken so much pains to promote your improvements & who has prided himself so much on his eldest son. He says if you had not capacity he could be resigned to your disgrace, but to know that it originates in your idleness and neglect of your studies is more than he can overlook or easily forgive. Let me conjure you my dear Alton to double your diligence to study night and day, rather than be left behind your equals so far: if not for your own sake at least for the sake of your parents, spare them the pain of seeing you return in disgrace; a burden to yourself and family, instead of an ornament and prop to your parents in their old age. You have it in your power, if you do not despair, that only remedy the evil, but to deserve more praise if you will now exert yourself and overtake those who have gone before you. You can do it my brother, if you will, only try, loose not a moment unnecessarily, the minutes are precious to you at your age and every one your squander away in idleness will be will be subject of reproach to you at some future day.

You must likewise write to your father often, make no excuse for there is not that can be made to justify a neglect of that duty. As to your answering my letters, I will excuse you if you wish it. -----

I believe I have written to you since Mr. Sibley's & Mr. Gamble's departure to St. Fee. Though I am not certain they started from here in June. Mr. Sibley as one of the commissioners to lay out a road from Missouri to St. Fee & Gamble in the capacity of secretary to the commissioners, they will probably be gone until next June. I stay during the absence of Mr. Sibley with Louisa here & with Ma at St. Charles. Our father left here this morning for Cape Girardeaux to be gone about two weeks. The family are all well. Indeed we have been greatly blessed in this respect throughout the state. We have not had as healthy a season for several years as this one has been. St. Louis is improving rapidly, there are four or five large brick homes putting up on main street and several ___ on the hill. We have not received a word from you since you wrote to obtain permission to visit Actica & ___

I shall write you again one long. Accept of the appearance of my ___ affection and interest in your welfare.

Mary Easton Sibley

Alton R. Easton

West Point