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## Letter, Isabelle to John P. Darden, August 31

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I wrote Cousin Caroline a short letter yesterday before I left New Orleans. I got a letter from Mr. Briggs at - Palestine but not at - Palestine. I did not see one there. We have you in a letter in last night and continues to day.

My dear  
Uncle  
Belle

New Orleans Aug 31<sup>st</sup>

My Dear Uncle

I have this day received a letter from Aunt Margaret. Words cannot express the joy it gives me to think that you all love me so dearly. But I have not the vanity to think that I deserve all the love expressed. Indeed I did not think it possible for any one to love me until this Summer and I assure you I am now near home happy compared to what I was when I left. I shall ever be happy now that some one loves me and when I again feel hated and neglected I will welcome death. I can only know about what to say about the Poetry. I am very sorry that I did not have sense enough to <sup>form my</sup> ~~express~~ <sup>express</sup>.

own opinion without the aid of others. I knew as soon  
as I read it that it was from you, any one of  
common sense might have known Mr. Davis  
Hinds and Uncle John said that it was not  
your hand writing and that they thought it  
must be from Alderson as he was in the habit  
of writing poetry to ladies, and Mr. Alderson also  
said that he would write me a piece, which  
was another reason, I have for thinking, perhaps  
it is from him. I know now who wrote it and  
fully appreciate <sup>it</sup> from you. I do hope you <sup>will</sup> forgive  
me for the mistake, and only think of my  
first thoughts on reading it.

The yellow fever is very bad, equally as bad ~~as~~  
~~but~~ as in S. B. It is decreasing now for the want  
of subjects. I have visited several cases since  
I returned among them was Charlie's father-in-law.  
He is very old and had a severe case, but is  
slowly recovering. I found all well at home  
I took <sup>them</sup> by surprise early Monday morning.  
I came down on the new "Princess". She is a mag-  
nificent steamer. I was in the care of Dr. Heesters



He was extra kind and attentive and I had  
a most delightful trip. there was several acquaintances  
of mine on board and one of my old beams. I was  
on top of the boat - nearly all the time enjoyed myself  
more than I ever did <sup>on</sup> a boat before. We got to New  
Haven about 1 O'clock A. M. Monday morning. I ~~stayed~~ <sup>remained</sup>  
on board until day light - and then proceeded up  
to Charlie's ~~where~~ where ~~them~~ all ~~up~~ there, and took  
Jimmie in the carriage, and proceeded "on  
my way, rejoicing", to Mr. John the Baptist st.  
I expect you are weary of my nonsense but <sup>know</sup> you  
this place is so very dull now, that I can't find  
anything to write about. Give my best love to  
Aunt Margaret - and the rest of the family  
Tell Aunt M. that I will answer her letter  
"in a few days." Ma sends her love to all  
Now I shall look for an answer to this imme-  
diately, with your forgiveness. I believe I will die  
of pure mar tification if you do not look over  
my dullness. Good bye. From your affectionate  
Niece Isabella

To John A. Darden Esq.

My respects to all engaged in the

Mr Geo P. Warden

Payette

Idaho