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Friday July 17th 1863. Concord O.

My own dear Harvill,

I could hardly wait until morning to tell you how glad I was made last night by the reception of letters from you and two letters mailed at Nashua, one the 5th and the other the 14th came together. I made up my mind in the morning that I should not come so near being homesick for you as I did the day before, and you know my will is pretty strong when I really determine a thing. So I made every all day, teased the girls wonderfully and doing all kinds of mischief with mother. Angie came home at noon which helped me along just ^{at} the evening mail brought the good news and I slept so gratified for all my sorrows. One of the letters had "See 6" on it. By the way, all letters not really paid remain in

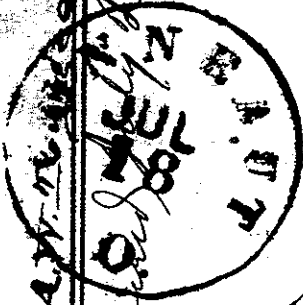
often allow it to be so long. In this
I am very unlike you. For while you
often anticipate heart-achments I never
do. My grief is much lessened now,
though I desire so much as ever the
accomplishment of our desire I do
not mourn that it is not now
as I did when I first wrote you.
I know and feel God's mercy deep
in my heart. We have enough in
ourselves to give us far more joy than
we deserve from Him. I have you
my dear dear husband, and I cannot
desire that all the joys of earth
are not mine now when I have
them yet in prospect. I am so glad
that you are well and happy, and
I know I will be for it would
be so wrong to murmur in the
least, and I do not.
And you don't want to hear anything
of Donna? Ah my dear, but you must
I do not know really to what

you refer about her "unusually" condition.
If it was in not replying to your letter
I can remove that. If you could
hear the sad story of her intense
sufferings both in body and mind
for the first year of her stay at Dedham
you would wonder that she lived
with any reason left her. Her mother
she is true and faithful to you and
I was born. You know her too well to
doubt her if you will think a minute
over. I don't want to send that to her
after all the kind loving energies she
sent to her. I need not need to
you will send something better and
sure. Would you like to know what
the Dr told Donna of my eye? Certainly
you would. Tell you must not
feel unnecessarily alarmed if I tell
you the whole truth about it. He
says it may terminate in a cancer
it has that appearance now. He has
cut the lid and examined it with

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