

Cherry Grove Oct 18<sup>th</sup> 1863

Dear Emma

I have only just a little time but if I dont write now I shall not for a week because I expect to be very busy. First I must tell you the cause which is I have had an invitation to Roxys wedding and Jan too

I received the patterns all right yesterday but I cant understand anything about the sleeve I took it to Mrs Beckwith but she knew no more than I and advised me to see Miss Fisk which I did last night went and was she knew as much as we and no more, I looked at her sleeve pattern but did not find any that I liked I would send the cloth down and have you make the

but I want the dress to wear to the  
wedding which is Wednesday evening and  
you will not have time to make them  
and send back I don't know what  
I shall do will see tomorrow the waist  
fits beautifully Mrs Beckwith is going  
to help me some cannot much she is  
very busy I shall get along though  
if I don't I will

How I wish you were here do come and  
let the school go. This pen is a hard  
thing scratch scratch so can't write any more  
with it.

Emilia

P.S. Don't let Angie see this she will  
think I have gone not improve  
much in writing besides scolding  
because I am telling you my thoughts  
sincerely E

The dress was  
dressed for you  
and father's school  
for about one day