

Mayville, May 17<sup>th</sup> 1864

My Dear Sister Mary,

I received your very kind letter more than a week ago (and am now forcibly reminded of my neglect in not sooner acknowledging it; by the arrival of the very kind and satisfactory letter written by your dear Husband. It contains the first information of any reliable or definite character that I have received from my Sister-in-law and her sons - it affords me infinite satisfaction I assure you, and I owe Richard many many thanks for his kind interest. He says at the conclusion of his letter, that "he expects to leave N. O. on Thursday the 5<sup>th</sup> so that I hope he will soon be with you again. As soon as possible after his arrival I must come down and have a full account from him of his journey and visit. There is nothing of interest here to communicate. We are in tolerably good health, our little Baron has been quite poorly for a week and is still very cross, evidently from indigestion. He suffers