

Thursday Sep^r 13th /49.

My beloved nephew E. K.

I have just rec'd your welcome letter accompanied by the box, containing the likeness of our beloved relative Elisha K. K. it is admirable indeed, & is a valuable & highly prized memento of E. & the warm & generous regard of the donor; how to thank you I know not, my heart is too full to express its gratitude with pen & ink — The letter I have hastily read, as I desire this days mail to acknowledge its receipt & I must be in haste to accomplish it —

On our way to Albany last week, I remarked to Mr. C. I felt as tho' I would receive a telegraph dispatch from my brother & the day closed in happily without it; but the next days Tribune, announced the arrival of "the Supply" at Norfolk with E. K. K. surgeon — I thank'd God audibly — for I have watched the papers to hear of him at home or abroad — I sometimes see brother & at Court & a young W. K. at M. Y. public meeting & yourself & Robert in P. — so you see I feel a little interest & pride too in the name —

Dear Uncle K. wrote me he complied with my suggestion to write your name with that of E. — by reference to his letter you will understand —

I intend writing to ag^t Mother as soon as I am able — this is the first attempt with a very sore finger, & I am confined

Confined to my room with a severe cold & sore throat,
trust the worst is over — As Nancy said "please excuse bad
writing" it amused dear father & I am often prompted to ask
it myself — but poor thing she knew no better —

Keep Uncle's letter for me — Love to all —

Yr grateful, sincere & affectionate

Aunt A. V. R. C.

WB — Uncle was delighted with father's miniature & carried
it out of my trunk to shew him.

Tell yr ever d^r father I have a box of plum pits
for a nursery⁺ & intend to procure four or six trees
for him — this is the region for plums —

Mr C. has been very feeble all summer —

Augustus is too lovely for earth —

Has E. returned? You don't mention, the likeness
is so good, it can't be a copy.

+ The first opportunity I will send them to the care of Dr Brown
5th & 6th Sts —