

White Lake Aug. 20. 1879

My dear William H. B.

Both your aunt and myself owe you an apology for not replying to your first letter which reached us after some wandering. I supposed naturally that she would answer but she is a lazy letter writer and so the business ^{was} passed by. And now comes to day your second by way of City Island addressed to all of us with a particular invitation to meet you at C. Island on the 22^d?

I answer then for all. Invitation had already reached us from your cousin, W. Alden, so that we know now David will certainly be there. Your Aunt and the other two boys will leave White Lake so as to be in time for the meeting.

But for myself, I beg you to understand that if you do not see me

at City Island, my absence will not
be from any want of respect for you
and yours. This I want you clearly
to understand. As you do not sail
until the end of the month, possibly
later, I shall no doubt find means to
see you and your wife before you sail.

Give my kindest regards to Mrs
Relden.

Yours very sincerely,
David P. Scott.



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