New York Friday Evening

My Dear Sally=

I am happy in receiving a Letter from you, but regret that it was so Laconic, after the Lapse of so many months, you might have fill'd the sheet with communications and remarks of various kind, especially as you have passd some weeks with Nancy; and your Dear Daughter has returned from her Circular Journey; but not one satisfactory syllable have you transmitted, except that you are all well?!! contrary to my inclination I am obliged to pay you - in your own Coin, for there is company in the parlor and I am scribbling in a cold room - in a great hurry that you may receive the earliest information respecting the shawls you wished me to enquire about; by purchasing two at one store I can get them for fifty one Dollars, they are Eight-quarters, one is a Mantle with a rich Deep Border which would suit Abby - or you - the other an Equal handsome Border all round, the first $27 - the last 24. — at another store I can get the same size, but not Mantles for $27 each, with hand=some wrought white Borders, this kind is a new pattern and very scarce, it is probable they will be sold before I receive your answer; others 30, & upwards - let me know your wish. and I will do my best to please your Ladyship. — my next shall be a longer Letter, provided my Rhuematic arm will suffer me to write - some symptoms of decripitude To morrow I am to Dine at Mr. McCormicks, in Company with Caroline and her husband - quite a family party - the