

New Haven, Conn -

Sunday July 29 1866

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Am not able to tell you anything
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Add nor myself have received
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Sellie, our hearts are dancing

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Ere this reaches you, your sea
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gratulate him as a brother and
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in the name of my good sister and
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Soon as ever you can get to write
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I send you therefore all I have of
that commodity - Monday I found
myself in Phila - called at
the house in the Evening - folks were
at home - introduced to father,
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to bed Monday night at 10 o'clock
Tuesday morning - spent most
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of her father — to correspond with
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My regards to Mr Rhodes, when you see him and to Harry write soon and tell me all you can think of. Meanwhile, dear Sis. I am your bad brother
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with a warm heart etc -

Per Steamer

7/29/66
from Washington



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Carson City
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[From Bro' Washington]