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Camden, N. J.
322 Stevens St.

June 29.

My dear friends John and Iusa Burroughs,

I am here again in Camden, stopping awhile, with the intention, as soon as I can move with comfort, of getting to the sea-side—probably Atlantic City, about an hour and three quarters from here, by rail—I am not much different from when I saw you last—have been a good deal worse (by spells, several of these) but have now brought round again to where I was five or eight weeks ago.
Mothers died here on the 12th of May, and I returned to Washington about one month afterwards - but I was very restless & dissatisfied still about a couple of weeks here - obtained two months leave of absence & (after almost making up my mind to go into quarters at a Hospital as bearer, but was persuaded out of it) - have been here for about two weeks - here I am (think comparatively better the last two days) occupying the rooms in which my mother died - waiting for time to restore my health which I still think it will - but I feel that the blank in life & heart left by the death of my mother is what will never to be filled - I am comfortably housed here, have great kindness - I try to compose myself to writing at some of my themes already obtained but it don't amount to much yet. I wish you was here by keeping house - I should consider it such a privilege to hold these for an hour or two every day while I am in this condition - The last nine or ten days in Washington I left my leg on 15th & visited the Ashton's & Good [illegible].
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Camden, New Jersey
March 20, 1879

Dear John Burroughs,

How are you getting along? Haven't heard from you in a long time—My speech on the Death of Lincoln is all ready to be delivered—I should like to deliver it on Monday evening April 14 in NY—(or Tuesday evening if for any reason preferable)—How about making the arrangements—some respectable second or third class hall? Is Gilder off for Europe? Would not Chauncey DeKay be a good man to help? I should have written you before—but I
have been waiting a little to see if the March-April attack I had last spring want you to give me another hitch — but I believe not — If the arrangement could be conveniently made I shall positively be on hand for April 14 (or 15) —

Write posthaste — Love to Gala — How is the young one — How Smith & Co.?

Nothing very new with me — I keep well for me — have had a good winter — got a letter from one Riley from Sheffield Eng.

Very before yesterday — he is a friend of very close Ruskin. The letter accepts me to face it strongly — The adjective, the word "glorious" for L of G — WW
John Burroughs
Euphuism on Hudson
New York
Camden, New Jersey
March 27, 1880

My dear friend,

I could not conveniently come to the West Phil. Depot — I have just written to Johnston leaving the hall 1c to his selection (the night too, if necessary) — I am averse to a first class hall — I shall certainly be in hand if alive & able, but the thing is yet a prospecting. & we are not at all sure what we shall find.

I am as usual — was over to Phila. last evening to a nice dinner party, all men, artists &c. Horace Jernies (a good fellow) my friend Tom, Mr. Grissle (of Lebanon, May) at eight or ten others — a jolly time. No imminent intention of going south or to California. Good to all inquiries. Wash your friends — W W
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March 27:

John Burroughs

care J B Marvin

Internal Revenue Bureau

Washington, D.C.

Walt Whitman
Camden, New Jersey
Camden April 12 '87

Dear friend,

your of yesterday reed

this morning — I shall leave Camden via Trenton to NY here in the 4:30 P.M. train to-morrow. Wednesday, I expect to be in Jersey City by or before my early evening — A friend, P. Dear Mr. Smith is conveying me, & I understand I am to go with him to the Westminster Hotel for the night — Yes, meet me in Jersey City — I shall expect you: — The young man Mr. Duckett is coming on with me — I am feeling better than for the last two weeks. I shall go through with the lecture according to announcement - I am to have (according to wish to arrange -ment of Mr. Smith) a reception at Westminster Hotel. Thursday evening — returning here Friday.

Best love & thanks - Walt Whitman
Camden Saturday evening Jan 7 '88

Dear J B: Your sister Hryuil and
Mrs Dart have just been here to see me &
have given me the latest news. I have had a lot
of you for a long time. [I] am glad to see you &
hear I am getting along in
much the same fashion as before. Do not get
out or around at all but keep your spirits
up and comfortable enough. (just now under a
cloud physically. Bad cold in the head & indigestion
troubles.) Bad weather yesterday & today. Am
sitting here by the fire. A parrot and canary
in the room. Ernest Rhyo has been here
some time. is now in Boston. Morse the
sculptor has gone temporarily to Indiana.
Kennedy’s WW book is being publ'd by
Wilson in London. I believe. I hear frequently
from Mr. Bueke, he is all right. I got
a letter from O’Connor three days since. He
is pretty ill yet but I believe gets to the
office -- I write a little short bit to
order mostly. Spend the time seated in
my big chair here, quite aimlessly.
Love to Sala and to Julian. Write
when you can. Walt Whitman.
I enclose slip. But you may have seen them before.
1888 January 7: [envelope recto]

John Burroughs
West Farms
Ulster County
New York

WALT WHITMAN,
Camden,
NEW JERSEY.
Dear J.B.

I was really glad to get word of you this morning by your postal card of 23rd. The early spring has always been your time & it seems to keep so just the same — Dr. Bucke writes often & is the same good staunch friend — he is still at his Asylum, Canada, full of work — some lecturing — Kennedy is well, living at Belmont still, & at work in Cambridge — his book of mine not yet printed, but I believe it is settled to come out by the Glasgow Publisher Wilson.

I read a good & quite copious letter from Clona a week ago — he is still very ill, appears to be little on no real improvement — nothing critical however.

I am paralyzed — writer with the old fire & fervor — with me things move on much the same — a little feebler every successive season & Deeper in emotion — brain power apparently very little affected.

Mrs. Louisa Chandler little for the Herald — Ye. —

Monton was here a day or two ago — pleasant visit.

I have lately read a letter from Prof. Hamlin Garland — I have lately read a letter from Prof. Hamlin Garland.

—A.B. & I went down stairs in my big arm chair — My sister Susan has just been here — It looks like such fine weather I shall try to get out in my rig.
1888 April 27 : [envelope recto]

John Burroughs
West Park
Ulster County
New York

WALT. WHITMAN,
Camden,
NEW JERSEY.