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April 23, 1866

No. 42

A letter of A. C. Van Raalte to Philip Phelps, written from Albany, New York, on their way to Europe. Phelps is in New York City at this time.

Original in the Archives of Hope College.

Arrived at Albany en route for Europe.

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Wm. P. Sturges Esq.

Albany 23 April 1866.

Dear Brother:

By God's grace
myself I did arrive with Mrs. Van Rualt. ^{and wife} safe
safely ^{and wife} since two hours but your time:
I had to travel slow. My wife
was troubled very much with fever.
I could travel only on some days
and I had to stay three days over at
Richester. The last days were
so hard for her leaving Holland,
but she is better now.

Please give me advice where
to stop one or two days at Niagara
to visit Mrs. Van Rualt, before going
on board of the Steamboat to ^{Stampt}
and to prepare her a little ^{equipts}
for the sea sickness.

What do you think, will it not
be best for her to come down on
the night Steamboat?

What do you think will be your
time to come on the Boat the
day before leaving?

It is perhaps the best to leave
Albany on Wednesday evening. I
suppose before that time I can
have an answer, and if not
yet I think it to leave at that time.

I can leave my wife on the
Steamer, and seek your collections
at Fulton Street, please leave
them there, that I may know
where to bring my wife and to
look for you, because I fear
it is too late to receive your ans-
wers

Yours sincerely

H. Van Rault

∴ V. R. was not at the 1st
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Albany 23 April 1866

Revd P. Phelps D.D.

Dear Brother:

By God's kindness I did arrive with Mrs. Van Raalte here safely and well; since two hours at your home, I had to travel slow my wife was troubled much with fever. I would travel only on some days and I had to stay three days over at Rochester. The last days were too hard for her leaving Holland: But she is better now. -

Please give advice here to stop one or two days at New York to rest Mrs. Van Raalte before going on Board of the Steamer: to strengthen and to prepare her a little for the sea sickness-

What do you think will it not be best for her to come down on the night Steamboat?

What do you think: Will they allow us to come on the Boat the day before leaving?

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I can leave my wife on the Steamer and seek your directions at Fulton Street, please leave them there, that I may know where to bring my wife and to look for you, because I fear it is too late to receive your answer

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