Port Washington December 10th, 1859

Very dear & dear Father,

You want it seems, to have a billowing with me; take care however, you will lose no second best. I am one of many letters, and I did not know in that account. My friend if would not permit a letter of numbers and dates, but you one and many letters. I did not answer your question concerning my future whereabouts, how could I? Notice .. And last, Who cares concerning Castles in the air? I am still at Port Washington and who knows where I shall be next week, next month, next year? One thing is certain — The Cathedral is closed, and with Notes, if you please. It is one of the first churches in the West ... Come here, take a good peep at it, and contrast, if you dare — Your brother is doing very well — yours truly C. Semin.