

on a string of such meanings to a point, for a while,  
then broke & told him it would not do,

ma-ta-, with us north, means side by side, with  
impulse; is directed now, north, to coming to the  
shore, on shore but persons may come to the  
shore, hills may, you may slide down a bank  
to the shore, The wind may be "on the land",

most, mata comes as mattap-, you come  
to the shore & remain, stay, take seat, & good  
people generally translate "sitting-down place",

They never heard of a country seat,

at a fishing club lately I came on a man of  
real account who knowing I tried to do names  
spoke about it without without that wondering  
look, as at a collector of buttonholes, even asked  
if it wasn't a good thing to go & see the  
places,

Sitting at Aubrey, I might try your names by  
vocabulary, but it daunts me, the idea, without  
specular use of the language it is lame business.  
With another lifetime handy I would do it,

I hope you are going on well, I haven't  
laid down to your important last lot of  
notes yet but coming to them after a slack  
will be some advantage, Not much use,  
when the old Indians we sit at don't  
hatch out more,

Very faithfully yours

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