

York July 19<sup>th</sup> 1830

My Dear Friend,

Your last request, which at our parting you so forcibly urged, filled my mind with the most gloomy suggestions that the paper you then gave me contained some very serious obstacles to our wishes, and the instant I lost sight of you I hastened to relieve my mind from that state of anxious suspense which is even more intolerable than disappointment itself. I opened it — and with those feelings which are more easily felt than described (when the eye glances rapidly and fearfully over the lines almost afraid to read lest it should meet what it dreads to encounter) I hastily perused it, and my apprehensions were most pleasingly removed. I only had to regret that another sight of one whom I (there more highly) esteemed was denied me, all I could do was to breathe a silent prayer for your welfare and cherish the pleasing hope that the time might come when we should be no more parted till we separated to renew our friendship in those realms when parting shall be no more. — The sentiments you expressed afforded me the greatest pleasure as I regarded them as the genuine effusions of a pious and benevolent heart — cherish them on all occasions and God will most assuredly bless you — You request my prayers, you need more fervent, more faithful than I am able to offer, I do not forget you but most earnestly commend you to the care of Omnipotence and whilst thus engaged trust I have an equal share in yours. — I know the danger of your situation how difficult it is to be continually in the company of worldly people without partaking of their spirit. The greatest caution on your part is necessary, yet do not rely upon your own strength it is but a broken reed which may pierce you but cannot support, seek the assistance of the Holy Spirit which is alone able to bear you through all the dangers and temptations to which you may be exposed, for "greater is He who is for you than all those that can be against you". Beware then of falling through unwatchfulness, or vain confidence never frequent those places, or venture into that company however agreeable, that your conscience tells you ought to be avoided; many err in this respect, and though they see the inconsistency of their conduct and feel inwardly condemned on account of it, yet they cannot refrain from taking another (and perhaps they promise themselves it shall be a farewell) view of those fascinating pleasures in which they formerly found so much delight, whether at the card table, the ball room or the theatre, and

They by approaching the scene - I was though it may be with a firm determination  
never to enter its precincts, even though I had to tempt them. — The  
first compliance is ever succeeded by a second more powerful temptation, thus they  
proceed like a ship in a whirlpool, insensible, turning round the water of destruction  
till resistance becomes vain and they are again plunged in that abyss of sin from  
which they could not escape had not actually escaped.

I will now give you a brief account of my journey. — I had arrived  
at St. Louis I had to walk and not ride through on a Monday I was therefore under  
the necessity of walking to Leavenworth about the greater part of the way, and  
much courage was not to be expected. — I was however with an  
appetite for reflection. — I was full of bustle, I had to go to school and  
undressed the extent of the garden, but though I mingled with the crowd and  
was surrounded by the throngs of thousands, yet believe me my heart and  
affections were with you. I was alone in the multitude, I was solitary in  
the midst of a crowd. — I arrived on some evening by Leavenworth to find  
I did not visit my friend Mr. C. of Leavenworth being too much fatigued, but left  
early the next morning by the boat for York and arrived safely about ten  
in the evening. — Sunday

I had had written, and I trust you have perused, with pleasure, but you  
perhaps it is to you because I fear you will feel it I must receive  
the future respects respectfully has said his returning home, I am  
in which I have not been sufficiently thankful, now the reason there  
disappointment. I should have wanted to see you. On my arrival here about  
the first week I had intended to visit the friends of Mrs. Quincy, the contractor  
of the school, school where I was engaged as writing master. — I had  
escaped into France, leaving my affairs in the hands of my executor, of  
whom I expected and are, but I may regret the loss of the school, I expected  
the improvement I could have done as a country school, I might have done  
what to do with my own pupils, under my circumstances, I should  
say. — At present, I am quite uncertain what will be the result.

I still expect my next, though had in a short time I should have been  
enabled to visit a house and then, I assure you I should have been my highest  
happiness to have shared the continuance of life with you. — I am however  
and now completely changed, with regard to a way of life to which you  
could I wish your company, at home, my difficulties would be  
measured as alleviated, but I am alone with all the care to secure me a  
present, except my own reflections, which are not always the most  
agreeable. — The future is a vast uncertainty, something may be in view

for me, I can say and I am sure, with consolation that I have not  
lost my confidence in Providence. — I have nothing to be surprised in  
and received and I apprehend I should not now be to  
at least appearance, I am however, I shall not now be to  
message, as it is not need with something equivalent to what I  
have lost, I shall have God and take another situation, as if I  
as I am determined not to lose much more money, but in case  
I should be obliged to do so, I should be glad to see you and  
you seem to be in a good way, and I shall not be so much  
suffering as you seem to be, I shall not be so much  
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