

Edisto Is. 25 miles Sth Charleston S.C.

My Dear Brother

You ought to have written me long before this as you knew where I was going and as I have not heard since the boys who took the share to you I have not yet heard from Phil^a. and but once from home and it is now near two months since I left Phil^a. ~~Let~~ let me know what you have done with the horse and how you fare. Direct to Char^l. S.C. The chair was not sold when I left and Mr Haines has it perhaps he has sold it. I wish I had horse and chair here as I must buy an horse soon and ride daily. Nothing like exercise for mind or body.

I was very unwell where I left but am now better than I have been since I have been sick and the warm weather now commencing will I hope quite restore me. I have still a cough and weak stomach, but no pain - good appetite and sleep well - My flesh is about the same. My colons will hardly return in this State. Flowers is putting out - Narcissus, Crocus, Japonica are in bloom.

I am now on a visit to a plantation (Mr Seabrook's) on this Island and such is the hospitality of the people that I shall remain visiting among them, and without any expense. Such is their habits and mode of living that they are no way incumbered by company and their visitors are as free as at home.

I shall purchase an horse soon and mean
to ride continually, The little pony here called
a Tackey may be purchased for \$15 or 20. They
are small but very hardy and there are as
here as horses.

No news from home. I was sur-
prised at meeting with Capt Dana & more
than that his wife. They sailed about a
week since for St Croix again and intend
returning and going again before they
see Cambridge.

I have heard thro Mr Hainis that
you were well.

Mr Dana says that Elizabeth is
engaged to H. Ware, who is settled in Boston
you may be certain it will be if it is not.
Write immediately to Charleston, S.C.
Care of Robert Maxwell Esqr. Tell me
all about yourself and in answer I shall
be enabled to tell a better story of myself

Be sure to write in full and usually
to your affectionate Brother

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Phil. Dec. 23^d 1814 -

My Dear brother

You can not have forgotten that I have told you in a former letter, perhaps in many, that you laboured under a most execrable and fatal (if you do not eradicate it) error, with regard to the feelings of your brothers, sisters and parents towards you. Their affection is very great, and you now have at length found that your mother excellent mother & sisters are not your worse enemies, whether you think me so yet or no, I shall act as I feel, and endeavor to console, strengthen and advise one whose happiness will be mine. You are frequently on my mind, and I have been thinking and praying day and night, and praying to our maker, that I might see something, by the means of which, I might assist you. I have proposed the ultimation of my researches, and most most strenuous endeavors; and the only answer of my prayers will be the carrying of my designs into effect. You know that I have thought and do still think, that your only method, now is, to get some situation as a private tutor in some place this side of the Hudson, far beyond the pale of Political Medical & nominal prejudices; so baneful; so venomous and insupportable, so fraught with mischief and unhappiness, and which has been your misery for years. — I have seen that you thought yourself despised; but get away and you will find different people, differently disposed.

I wish to Heaven I could say, "come here to my house and remain until you can clear away the film from your eyes" You have been blinded by the malignity of enemies. I know your feelings and have felt the same. But I think differently. I feel as if friends were in this world related to assist & support me. Take this days occurrences and it will give you a picture of what I might enjoy if you were all happy, and I knew it. I meet the young Doctors at the lecture rooms and they speak and act as if they respected me. The Older ones speak and act as if I was their equal. The Professor seems pleased to be able to notice me and think my attention to their lectures a compliment. Those persons I must salute me cordially and are earnestly request my company to tea dine & spend evenings &c. &c. The young ladies smile upon me and I am a favorite. The older ones always receive much of my attention and they seem more pleased with me, than the young. This I say & experience here

I had the most pressing invitation to dine, this very day. The Lady said I must & "you shall" and stood against the door to prevent my going out - A Lady, whom I never dreamt of, and with whom I have become acquainted since I left home. These things are examples before you of what you might enjoy if you please. Altho' my heart is heavy and I am sad, yet I must go into company this evening & put on a cheerful countenance. You ask why shall I not be cheerful. Your situation will throw a veil over my pleasures and a damp to my natural lively air. I need not say come to this city. It will not do for you. Whoever live here must spend much money before they can earn it. I have lived upon expense and am getting something at last, but precious little. Your father, willing as he is to assist you is not ^{so} able to assist, as he was when I settled here, and you can't expect him to. You can go where the expense will be less and then you can think for yourself and see what can be done hereafter.

When you were at Andover, you were respected. Everybody liked you better than they did me; and wherever we went you were always foremost, and they esteemed you, you have too contemptible an idea of yourself; and think others have; which is false and pernicious in its consequences. At Litchfield were you not as much respected as you could wish. Dr. Faneuil says you were, and your reception among the citizens prove it. You would do well I believe in Connecticut, and would, I feel no hesitation in saying, be ^{come before long a} representative and I have always believed that you would be a judge. This has been my impression ever since you began the Law. Were you not always a favourite with your master, while I was disliked. I now tell you I am surprised, and if you once could conciliate people's affections better than your younger Brother, why not now. or rather a priori, you now can do it better than before. You only want the spirit to bust away.

The proposition for going to teaching is that you may get where you would be easy, a while, and could calmly look about. You are too nervous now to think. Your illness is all from anxiety and debility of stomach. Could you exercise and get into cheerful company your nervous symptoms, which now terrify you, would, to your astonishment, all vanish; and you will wonder how you could be so affected. My candid opinion is that you ^{will} derange yourself if you do not get away from Boston and its vicinity. (I have curried the letter, for the purpose of adding more)

Jan. 7th 1815.

This letter dated the 23rd ulto. has been delayed because I did not know whether it should be sent or not - I remain still of the same opinion and I suspect it will not be altered. Times are growing worse instead of better, we are making an attempt to do something, but it will only be such as may keep us out of trouble.

We has published a circular offering to vaccinate all sailors and soldiers of the U.S. Army & Navy and we are planning for other important steps, of which we shall give accounts as they develop themselves.

I have been somewhat uneasy that I have not heard from home, Perhaps you will say the same of me. My opinion now is that our father should apply to the Legislature for a lottery and I believe they will allow it.

Francis Gray is now in the City with him at Mr. Felix's. He returned upon him. I have not heard of the arrival of Mr. Everett or of Mr. Duff. It is now more than a month since having a letter from father and since become more uneasy. My compliments were & may be proper & love where due - and believe me I remain, your

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Mr Robbins is sick of Rheumatism but is to day much easier, sleeps more and has a countenance indicative much less distress.

Is cheerful and in very good hands - in the hands of a Quaker - with H. Sparkes - can not be better off

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