

My Dear Mary

This is the sabbath day. It raining

very hard I find I can not go to church, so I will

give you a letter, I received yours of Nov. 10 and was glad to hear from you, but feel very uneasy for fear you will fatigue yourself setting up or waiting on the sick, You should try to take care of yourself now, you are so weak suckling. We have a great deal of sickness here

Mrs John Bright is very low with Typhoid fever. I set up with her a few nights ago, I think it is doubtful about her recovery. Robert Bagley's wife is also quite sick - Kate

set up last night with Mrs Woods little babe Mary Smith (your namesake) and a son of Mr Millers

is dying with typhoid fever. We have a good many cases around us, my own family have escaped so far - we are all in

good health now, for which I feel truly thankful, Rebecca is at home now she was up at Aunt Mary Ann's last week

Jake came down for her - They are all well up there, Aunt and Julia will be down this week to stay 4 or 5 days

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Write when you are able and have time, If Rebecca was

married and John in business I would sell out and live

with my children, but I don't know when that will

be or whether or not I shall ever break up housekeeping

Direct the paper to William M. Todd. he said the paper need not be

sent until next year - I will try and get more subscribers

do try to take care

of yourself

I will write soon all our

I have been electioneering for my Son in Laws paper - last night

Will Todd took supper with us, I was telling him about your paper, I gave him a number to read, before he left he

gave me 2 Dollars to send for the paper which I enclose. I have also got the promise of two others (Cousin Jake and Cousin David Smith) These are all the democrats in the Greer family; I will do all I can in this neighbourhood for Mr Caldwell

I hope he will be able to make something by his paper, and

I know he must be worn out Teaching - I see he is a candidate for judge and hope he may be elected, We are getting along

about as usual, Old Man Bagley and Mr. Ringo will move

to Town Christmas I hope Eliza Bagley will get out to

the Old Man's place, The land will be divided among his

Children, the 20th of next month. Robert wants to get the

part the house is on, My neighbours Mrs Bagley and Ringo

are anxious for me to sell my place, and buy in the suburbs

of the Town (a beautiful place out toward Mr. Brights

not far from the Presbyterian Church), it can be got for

\$1000, for my place I could get 25 hundred - I do not know what I shall do yet. I expect to sell Liza she is certainly

the sauciest Negroe ever lived, I am not able to manage her, and she knows that; she has a fine child and one of the best children I ever saw she will have another about

the last of next month, there will not be more than a year between the Children, she would be very profitable to me if I could keep her, but I can't stand her saucy language I have had a thought of hiring her out, and hiring another

Girl, but if I do this, I may lose her child or children, no one would take the care of them I do, I do not know what I shall do, if she only had a master to make her know her place she would make an excellent negro, she has not been sick an hour since she was grown until week before

last, she came very near miscarrying, I thought she had

weaned her child, but she had been suckling it at nights all the time, besides this I found out by the Negroes in

the neighbourhood, that she had been lacing herself (I suppose for the purpose of killing her child) but she suffered so much, she has quit lacing - she thinks I suppose

when she has 2 children she will be too much confined -

I took her child in the house, and weaned it myself when she has another I expect to keep it in the house altogether

Well I must tell you a good joke on Beck - Liz was very bad one night, when Dr. Deimer was out seeing Beck -

I thought she would miscarry every moment, so I went into the room where he and Beck was, and Took him into the Kitchen and got him to give me instructions

he still visits Becky, but what they intend doing  
I know not - Mrs. Jones Mr Craig sister has been up

on a visit - she was very anxious for Mat to go home  
with her - Mat will get her property christmas

If she is able I want her to go and see you in the spring  
I hardly know how I would do without her - but I would

give her up cheerfully for your sake, I think you may  
depend on her but as for Becky I think there must be  
something between her and the Dr if so, you could make

no calculations on her - John is going to school to

Mr. Dickinson - I have subscribed 80 dollars for a limited  
scholarship in our college here, They are now making  
up subscriptions to endow it, They want \$20 Thousand

They want to open the College next June, I can get  
John schooled 4 years by paying the interest yearly on

\$80 at the end of that time I may pay the principal

or not as I wish - this is a cheap way to get an education

I regret exceedingly that I neglected John's education  
so much when a boy it is calculated to discourage him

he is learning very well at this time, he says you shall

have a letter in the Christmas holy days - Now about  
that new grandson of mine you say you think of calling  
him Joe Greer, I think this will do exactly, I think more

of him than all of the rest of the Greers, when Becky was

sick he staid with her day and night never left her

bed, had he been her Father he would not have done more

for her, Mat and Beck send their love Kate is in Town

Kiss all the little boys for Grandma, I wish I could see

them, Beck received a letter from Mrs Stout - Mr Jordan

is sinking gradually she says he can not last long -

I received a letter from your Uncle Preston a few days

he had just returned from Philadelphia, he wants a Rib badly

My love to Mr Caldwell may God bless

you LD Greer

Very

my love to Mr and Mrs Wyly - I want to see Johny more than either of the others