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July 10<sup>th</sup> July 1818

My Dear father

A few days since on my return from Court I had the pleasure  
to receive your letter July 12<sup>th</sup> No 3. I was 21<sup>st</sup> the first which had  
come to hand for some time & I fear you will remain some  
time without hearing from me as there has been few opportunities  
of late for writing the last I wrote was via Capt. on Monday that  
letter I told you the pains which had been taken to make me a  
Catholic while you at the same time believe me to be a French  
much as I admire their Religion I deduce as best to ensure  
happiness & content in this world than I should too much respect  
their denomination for a few offers to do an act which would forfeit  
the good opinion I now I hope always to retain - besides which I  
know it would be impossible with my education & habits to enjoy  
the peace & happiness I see them now fully in possession of than  
any other people I have ever been among - To believe in God that  
there is but one God that Mahomet is his prophet is their whole  
Credo - their prayers might be cited as examples to Christians as most  
perfect religion as the Gods of pagans that he never promises but the  
good and as he knows what is best that no attention may be paid  
to the longings of their hearts which are so often after bad - a good  
husbandman will see himself swept in one moment of wife  
children & fortune and be in it about what ~~at~~ we can  
suppose him an antient Capable - which regard it as a

punishment of God. he is then converted with the appearance of his  
love during my journey to Court. I had frequent opportunity of seeing  
them people at their houses - owing to heavy rains I was obliged to  
take an unusual road which led me to villages little frequented by  
Christians. I spent several very happy days in some of them - I never  
had entertained less illusion or more ~~truth~~ truth in my life -  
I repeatedly that astonished even me - myself & attendants were fed  
slaves in the best manner - at one village I had a visit from the  
Indian or Priest. A long conversation with him - more noble highly  
exalted ideas of Providence I never heard - at Court a temple I  
was from several Priests of high authority the most unusual &  
flattering attentions so much so as to induce the belief among all  
Christians I could be nothing less than an ambassador from the  
"New World" the name of American is becoming a title of  
reputation & is long to be a Citizen of the Republic of America  
with scarce as much attention as ever was paid by a Roman - with  
my Lady & her children from capt. I am like to file up my letters & perhaps  
to a good Christian so much praise of his fidelity may look to much like  
his duty - How much I am pleased with what I hear of my  
dear child for several days whenever I meet a little girl I enquire  
of the young man if she was like my son I set him out to find  
me out - which he at length produced - what a fine tall girl she  
must be - he tells me she is handsome except that her nose is  
entirely too small - I am much pleased also to hear of her progress  
and that you have found a good school for her - I hope in long  
she will begin the study of the French language - as to Maria &

Marion if it could be so managed I should like her to see dear but  
I would by no means give up the total advantage she enjoys in my dear  
mother's house for even the agreeable amusements of a Boarding school  
I am no way desirous she should enjoy - If the lady you speak of who  
was her education in France / to whom please give my best respects / is of a  
charitable Mother by herself should decidedly approve of it at an expense  
of 400 dollars I am - my daughter continues her education more immediately  
under your eye I should be still more pleased write me on this subject  
tell me what opi- nions - character - person being they can make  
for me to form an opinion of this lady - Much my beloved sister do  
I wish to see you much do I wish to enjoy a little of that rational  
happiness I should be so certain of finding in the old home in front  
I trust but depend on it our actions are always governed by circumstances  
over which we have no control several of which appear to make  
my removal from this country difficult - my commercial establishment  
has become too valuable to be slightly abandoned by a father of three  
sons - this establishment promises an easy entrance for my children  
into the world the best prospect I can for my children is in this country  
and there are most serious considerations - are they not - lay aside  
for a moment "enthusiasm" & regard as a "plain matter of fact" woman  
and you will say I am right - must do I desire to see America  
but still that road would not be without its thorns - I am not happy  
even at this distance from the scene of my dearest dear happiness  
the view of scenes which would every moment recall recollections  
to make the blood boil in my veins would conduct to nothing but

more complete misery — How well I feel Mary that my heart  
was never made to last as it now does — When I return to a house  
I may call elegant. furnished with every thing which nature's luxury  
has imagin'd to make life agreeable I feel a trisesty that blanking  
all the attention the endearments of my Children is all lost and  
mine for weeks together — I feel shut up from the world as if I was the  
only creature in it — I feel of that enthusiasm of Character you admire  
wants to be must describe for some more — patience — patience — patience  
Rich<sup>d</sup> has rec<sup>d</sup> his health and is much more lively than ever I have  
known him — he is nearly as tall as I am — wants preparation for a young  
man of 23 or 25 years — It is in contemplation for him to go shortly to  
Court<sup>th</sup> when probably he may remain some time — to do much  
business in that place & I may be able to make arrangements which  
will be highly advantageous to him — Hobbes will come into the  
Country House this year — he continues much under size —  
David goes on very well — grows out amazingly — I predict one way  
or another will make a figure in the world — take away from  
them an insupportable quantity of Pride & Haughtiness and the world  
be a chow fellow particularly if in so doing his noble sentiments  
should remain — With my dear little sister when is all these  
Beaus<sup>d</sup> sent, to finish when do you mean to settle down into the  
quiet & domestic life — Whom you find are who you love  
better than Mother Brother or sister do not let him escape —  
By the first opp<sup>ty</sup> to Philad<sup>a</sup> Lewis writes Brother John — tho' I

think I have felt as much right as him to be read at school —  
I wish there was every day in that delightful sandy hole at New Mills  
and that he may never see the day that he will regret the farm &  
which I do most earnestly hope may be kept in store for him in  
can such a time I wish a claim should ever exist. I trust Mother  
will always hold on to the farm — our sister Rachel I think I can  
see her — a blooming — red — fat woman surrounded by healthy strong  
children — happy as the day is long enjoying every comfort a good  
wife & mother could desire with the prospect of a happy old age —  
one afternoon after the boys tell me she was always to ask them —  
"how am I as fat as that woman" — give my sincere love to her &  
Joseph — there is a magical charm in their citations you cannot  
imagine if David is the most furious at them — the hand to the Jews  
"What does the day — I say Grandma may we go take a walk — she talks  
so much like I know you might think him present" <sup>boys</sup> "I hope you  
want know Turkey" — With my dear child for me tell her how  
long her dear father talks with her Mother can talk after every  
day — tell Mother how much I was pleased to hear what an  
"active old lady" she is & that she walks like one of 25 — I hope may  
she continue to enjoy health & happiness & that the evening of her  
life may be spent surrounded by children & grandchildren —  
staying who shall pay her the most affection & love — tell her  
now can love her more than I do her kindness & affection  
to me and mine will never be forgotten —

Say to our Cousin Patty that I am not forgetful of her  
many kindnesses to me and that she will please accept  
the assurance of my sincere love & affection remember me  
affectionately to Cousin Abner. I Mr. Adams

If Mother should want money please tell her to draw  
on Messrs. Adams of Townsville for Three hundred dollars  
and she will be paid I expect Mr. Adams who is a good  
friend of mine will write her to this effect -

The vessel is about sailing & I am interrupted every  
moment now even thus you by your being -  
Recollect may what I have asked you about the lady  
who has care of my dear child's education if you are not  
acquainted with her become so to let me know your  
opinion of her - Continue my dear sister the  
love and the affection that I am most affectionately

Your Brother David

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*Mary Apple*

*Philadelphia*

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With my Turks & Turkish principles, I am like to fill up my letter, & perhaps to a good Christian, so much praise of Infidels may look too much like Infidelity.

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