

Leesburg Septe 23rd 1849

My very dear wife

Rebecca and Chealey have gone
to Sunday School, Hatty & Keen are
at Locust Hill. Lloyd is making, and
I avail myself of the quiet time to
write to you. I do not think it is worth
in keeping with the day to do so. for though
infinitesimal the difference and the
distance between the creature and
the Creator, yet in Communion with
you my loved wife, I feel that I am
in the way of Communion with the
Author of all good.

I received Breca Tabbs letter, and thank
her very much for it. It was an
exceedingly interesting epistle, &
one of the richest specimens I have
met with of the very valuable material
compressed within a very small bulk.

I am glad & grateful to hear that you
and yourself got down so well. I am
sorry that William still finds reason
adhering at all to his former opinions.
I can but thank him ever from Mrs
being in such good health, in
immediately previous to the inflammation
of the lungs, that the cough

attributable to ~~that~~ alone
I am glad you have heard from Helen, It
is a relief to know at least that he
safely reached California
Hatty & Maria went out to Sacrament Hill
yesterday with their much William to
supply Hatty's necessities occasioned
by the return of Miss Rebecca and
Mrs Michie. Hatty was in this morning
to church, & complained of being low-
spirited. Rebecca pleaded the necessity of
her remaining in town, to accomplish
some house wife work which you had
charged her with. Besides I could
not consent to send all away from
me. So Hatty who so readily plays the char-
acter of Miss Betty Daquid in the Paper
instance, had to comply with the requisition
taking little Aesci with her. We got
a message from Aesci this morning
requesting that sister Rebecca would not
come out to bring her in. They all are
time very well. I shall leave home
I suppose to Morrow, or next day.
I shall go up to the Ridge to buy my
stock Cattle, and after that shall
go on to Gordon's and to Forge
Court. I shall probably be
gone about a fortnight.

On the day on which you left I received
a letter from Ma. in which she expressed
her surprise at learning that Helen

that arrangements had been made to
Cuthbert to Baltimore against his will
and his disapproval of the scheme. I do not
know she had (his) apprehended me - for I told
her when I was up, that the purpose of my
visit was to make such arrangements. I
suppose however that when the time arrived
she shrunk from the execution of the
scheme. Mr Adie therefore returned, without
having accomplished any thing. He found
Hutchbut he says calm, and in a condi-
tion of mind to apprehend and be controlled
by the presentation of the alternatives of going
voluntarily to Baltimore or under compul-
sion to St. Louis. But he was not allowed
to present them. I think it very much to
be regretted that Ma interfered.

I saw Kline a day or two since, and questioned
him freely as to the ~~state~~ of mind of each
I might expect from him. He was still ~~in~~ had
hoped to get the house 1st of October. had then
supposed I might leave by 1st Nov^r finally I think
I left him prepared to expect that I might
remain until the 1st of December. This
is an anxious, and harassing condition in which we
are my dear wife, & sometimes I have thought it strange
that it should be so with you, and then I thought in
finite wisdom and goodness might have adopted it
as an effective instrumentality in ~~framing~~ the
propagations and imparting the coloring of your own
sweet spirit, & securing to you the placed joys & the
peace which belong to its renewed nature here, &
a necessary means of securing for it the richer happiness
of another world. I recognize the justice which for my sins
has so much excluded me from participation in the
agency employed for your happiness, and am so
grateful for the divine love, which allowed me to
and to love, and to enjoy the wealth and
the beauty of my wife's mind, heart & ~~body~~

humbly pray, that our present circumstances and
future condition may mould our hearts together
to a closer conformity to the image of our Cre-
ator, and prepare us for entering upon another
stage of existence, where together we may
comprehend and enjoy, by the aid and wisdom
of the workings of infinite wisdom
power and love -

I am almost writing you a love letter in
my old days, - but it is a solemn and
a true one.

We are getting along very comfortably - Rob-
ert has kept wonderful sober - When I go
away I must send him either to Chipton
or Mr Gray's. I have been reading to Rebecca
some of Christopher and Martha's sketches
& observations. Her drawing cards I draw
- up, have made her so familiar
with the localities which he describes
that she can almost imagine her-
self one of Christopher's auditors -

I got a letter from Middlesex County by
the last mail postmarked Urbanna
Va from a gentleman whose name I find
some difficulty in deciphering. His name is
Roy, but I can not make out the initials, exact-
ly. They seem to be J. M. B. or J. M. B. does Rebecca
know a gentleman of such a name. He writes to en-
quire about Layollen -

All unite in love to you - Give my love to
Rebecca & father and others. Ask your
father whether his letters are in the docket-
or have been compromised - if either is not to
be tried which will it?

My devotedly affectionate
Wm. C. Powell

write to me to warrant

a very great quantity of my letters being
sent to Mr J. M. B. Roy - directed to Richmond
Va. I suspect it was if it was
at Layollen
my brother, etc. K