

My dear Father

Belmont 6<sup>th</sup> May

Some weeks since I got a letter from you, which I should have answered sooner, but we all went from home (to stay with Mr Lomas) the day I got your letter, for some weeks the whole neighbourhood has been in quite an excitement about a missionary quilt for Mr Payne our African Missionary who we expect in soon to be made Bishop, the materials for our quilt was gathered by the married Ladies, & the sewing done by the girls, we all went at Dr Hoos to put it together & quilt, & a many times we had, I would look up the table at ones & think it looked like a quilt, sometimes eighteen or twenty, we staid about ten days, but before the quilt was finished I got a letter from Mary Turner saying she was to be married the 13<sup>th</sup> this month, & had chosen blue & white for her bridesmaid uniform, so I had the basket home to make mine, we called on our way home at Cousin Davys, found Cousin Mary so sick & low spirited, she said she would thank it and if we all left her, Mary & I came home & left Lucy, I do not know how long she will stay, Cousin Mary is in a very low spirited hysterical way, I am as busy as bee, getting ready for Champs marriage, & steal a few moments from sleep to write to you, & Brother Profus knows how hard it is to keep my eyes open, & that I am more particularly careful about bed time, I am glad to hear you are so industrious & such a fine manager, I told Marygiant of Brother Profus account of your early rising, going to attend to the fowls before breakfast, she says tell Father if they do not breakfast earlier than they did when I was there, I cannot accuse her of early rising tho she visits the fowls before breakfast, Marygiant left her love for you both, she has gone to Missouri expects to live there, thinks of coming in the fall on a visit then return with her Brother & sister to live, they have about a thousand guans for sale, we miss Marygiant a great deal our neighbourhood seems changing, Mr Disenbury has sold

