Farmington 25th May — 21

By the time you receive this my Beloved Grand son
you will have got through your examination and
I hope with honour, for nothing is so grateful to my ~~—~~
heart as to hear your self and Brother extold ~~for your~~
for your good conduct and attention to your studies, I receiv'd
a letter from him dated the 8th he mentiond his intention of
going to pay a visit on Saturday if possible to my Cousin
Thompson at Mount Holly he thought ~~it~~ would be a pleasant
Trip and he was sure of a cordial reception I hope
that you will make it convenient to call and see my friends
at New Mills and Mount Holly it is so convenient to
Travil in that quarter of the Union I d as the Stages go daily
from Philad to Mount Holly ~~the~~ he mention'd your having advised
him to set out immediately for W Point and he should have no objection
but the weather was pleasant, and very cool and he could hardly
leave it so soon, he hopes to pass the sultry months pleasantly
opposite West Point and that he shall enjoy all the necessary
advantages for prosecuting his Studies, he says that he has a
great curiosity to see you again, it is so long since he had that pleasure
that he almost forgets your appearence — in your letter of the 1st
instant you seem'd to be displeased, and observed that you did not see
what necessity there was for writing to you on the subject of the
Book as the Postage must be paid and if any Body was to suffer by
~~the~~ mistake that it must be your self nor did you see ~~the~~ necessity of
my exhorting you to take care of your reputation, I have no recollection
of having giving you such advise I presume I must have meant to caution

not to place too much confidence in mankind for many are not
very careful of the trusts that are reposed in them I was a little
fretted at the Idea that you should have to pay so much Money
but I have the pleasure to inform you that a few days since
the Major was in Town and Mr Winn who I believe had written
on to the General Post Office for instruction concerning it, told the
Major that there was nothing to pay, and sent the Book which
I shall send to the Mountain by the first opportunity - I have not
seen any of the family yet, tho the Girls write to me occasionally
and make professions of friendships Mary has become a
correspondent of mine my two last letters were from Ellen and
Mary date 6th and 17th May Ellen had taken a Trip to Richmond with her
Aunt Cary but, they were only to stay a fortnight, Morris wife and her
sister are at Ashton when I last heard Jefferson Randolph had
gone to Richmond to settle or rather dispose of some property
belonging to the estate of his late Fatherinlaw he had sode one of the
Carriage Horses which was the excuse offered for Mrs Randolphs
not coming to see us Mrs Randolph is not to be at home till some
time next month Mary mentioned that Cornelia had just recovered
a letter from Mead dated 17th he ~~had arrived in~~ was, just preparing to go to Richmond, I have been detained
here longer than I expected in consequence of bad weather and indisposition, and
but I hope to get to Pen Park and from there to Edgeway,
try and visit my friends in that Neighbourhood from thence I shall
go to Mr Higginbothams as I make it a point to visit those first
who I am indebted a visit tho I may call at the Mountain on my
way, I have a great many visits to pay but I am afraid for
want of a mode of conveyance I shall not have it in my power
I wish most ardently to be in Bedford but how I am to get
there I cant devise, It seems Mr Jack Burwell will not
take Williams Burwells carriage from the coach makers in
Lynchburg where it was repaired Mr B not having mention'd it
in his Will and the coach maker charges 250 $ Jack B, will
not take it, leaves it for the Man to dispose off for what he can
get and take it for the repairs so I am disappointed and how to get
there I am at a loss to conjecture

Mary thought I might borrow Peter Miners Gig and William could drive
me but he lent it last year to Mr Skinner and desired him to sell it when
he got to Baltimore Lucy prefered a Dearborn but the scarsety of Money
will not permit him to get one at present. I feel some times low spirited
at the thoughts of being so helpless and a burthen to my friends, but my
race is almost run, and you will not have a garrulous old Grand
Mother to plague you, Browse mentiond that he went to a B, C, D
at Mr Richard Baches, this is a party at which the read aloud,
and the Gentlemen, amuse them selves at the Card Table or listen
if they find any thing interesting, which was not the case that
that evening for the Book was a dull Novel by Miss Porter
lately come out in the course of the evening he ask'd Mrs Bache
what had became of the family of Mrs Catharine Bache since
her disceace & he thinks she replied" like all large families
which lose their head they quarrel'd about nothing and dispersed
She gave him to understand that the two families
meaning her own and Mrs C Baches, had not been on
good terms for a considerable time, so he stopped any
further enquiery- I dont think it much to her credit
to speak in that slighty manner of a family she is so nearly
allied to particularly at this time as to Mrs Catharine Bache there was
not a woman of more principle or had warmer felings of friend-
-ships but she woul'd not readily put ups with imposition and I supp
they have had some dispute about the settleing of the Estate I have too good
an opinion of *your* heart to believe that you can have forgot
the kindness you received from Mrs Bache, she woul'd have befriended
you had you stood in need as long as she had a sixpence *you* can not
have forgotten the many happy days that you have pass'd
with her children tho' they made no impression, on your Brother
by enquiring at the post Office I dare say you might hear of
them - what a cold heart that must be that can lose the remembrance
of past kindnesses or the recollection of early friendships, the
I love your Brother and think his integrity is built on a solid
rock, but I can'd wish him more alive to old friendships than to
new

I shou'd be glad if you wou'd bring some little memento to your Cousin
Mary and Emma suppose you were to get two dresses of Nankeen
crape they are better than Canton any handsome colour, and Murrays
primer and spelling Book in verse for the children and if you can
bring me a ½ Dozn pair of Kid short gloves coloured I will be glad

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CHARLOTTESVILLE Va
26 MAY

as this will be the last letter I shall trouble you with while
at the point you will excuse my being so troublesome especially when
when I shall dispence with your writing as I shall soon have the
pleasure I hope of seeing you as you pass through Washington
you no doubt will wait on the President and I should be glad that you
would call on Mrs Freeman and my friend Mrs Simms she lives at
Mr Wallachs while in that City but she may have gone to her
sons with the remembrance of this family and my wishes for
your health and happiness I bid you Adieu E Trist