

Charleston, 15<sup>th</sup> July 1819.

My dear Son,

I embrace the Opportunity by the Return of the Roller to acknowledge your Letter by her; and <sup>to</sup> send such Greetings with you as the Medium of a Letter will afford. I am sorry to hear that your Wife has not as good Health as she enjoyed in the Course of the last Year; yet as it is probable this was a Consequence of her untimely Confinement; I entertain Hopes that she may now be better; and that the rest of the Family will be found well. Our Family are very unwell: The 4 youngest Children have the Whooping Cough; Tommy the youngest has <sup>it</sup> severely; Richard had a severe Fever and Complaint in the Bowels in the Beginning of this Week. Both Complaints are removed, but he is very weak and languid; Charles has been confined above a Fortnight with a Gout on his Knee, accompanied by his falling on a broken Glass Bottle but <sup>he</sup> is better and can hobble about the House and yard; only Josiah, of the Children at home, is in good Health; I suppose it is still in Georgia, where I expect he will remain till the cool Weather. Your Nanna is much fatigued with attendance on the Children, and consequently cannot be very well. In addition to my usual Complaints, I have a violent Cough, attended with soreness of the Throat: It very much resembles the Whooping Cough, and my Friends generally think it is that Complaint; it has existed about 3 Weeks. The Niggers are much unwell, and a Child of Mando's died on Monday last. Nanny's youngest appears to be in Danger.

Having received \$100 Dollars from Col<sup>d</sup>. Meyer, I enclose that Sum, to go to the Credit of my Bond to M<sup>r</sup>. Rivers. By a M<sup>r</sup>. Flinn a Presbyterian Minister I have written you an Account respecting Meyer. This Letter I suppose <sup>you</sup> will not receive before August, when the Bearer expects to be in Providence. It will give you Information respecting him and his Settlement in Charleston. — I also enclose the Letter of Introduction



forwarded for you by Mr. DeSales; the Letter sent here for Capt. G. Powers, which arrived <sup>late</sup> after he was gone. The Receipt which I retained before; and a copy of Mr. Palmes's Remarks on Infant Baptism, lately published.

The Receipt last sent is such as I approve. I wish Mr. DeSales had said less of me and more of yourself. — Mr. Palmes's Publication you will find to be very warm, and <sup>with</sup> wanting in point of Confidence & Consequence. It believed that a Treat of Doctors, Collocks, Hollishead and Keith have had the Revision of the Work. Our Church have engaged me to a perit. I have not promised positively to do so; but have engaged to make Experiment how the writing and Studies will agree with my Health. I have <sup>been</sup> reading for some time with a view to the Undertaking, and have just made a Beginning in writing. I think it desirable that a Purpose of this kind should be conducted in a Manner somewhat different from anything I have yet seen on the Subject: So that substantial Information may be given, false Arguments be refuted, all Animosity avoided, the Conscience seriously addressed, a Sincerity and Tenderness becoming true Religion, persons and conscientious Enquirers assisted. If you were near, I should be glad of your Assistance in critical Enquiries respecting <sup>the meaning of</sup> the Original Language of the New Testament Scriptures. You will see Mr. Palmes has some Criticisms on this Subject, and <sup>has</sup> said himself very often, in adopting a sense different from <sup>what</sup> Dr. Campbell and some other Great Names have established. On these Subjects I feel my Enquiries very easily. I would wish however that you would favour me with your Thoughts on the latter part of the 34 Verse of Acts, "Kai egalliazeto paroini pepsisthota to Theo." Likewise on "epi ti hudor," in Acts VIII & 37. Parkhurst says, that ti, or tis, imports Dignity & Eminence, as well as, anyone, any, and he

I have sent your Proposals to different Parts of the Country, but have got no Returns yet, except from James Island. In and about Charleston 210 Copies are subscribed for, besides what may have been



subscribed to a Paper your Cousin John has in Hands, where he  
now lives in the upper Part of King Street. Many who I am sure  
woud subscribe have not seen the Paper. Mr. Blair obtained Sub-  
scribers for 50 Copies, and 100 were subscribed for on James Island.  
I think it is <sup>very</sup> probable 600 Copies will be called for in this State. As  
I suppose it woud be riping too much to put the Work to the Press  
before the Subscriptions come in more generally, I shall not  
transmit the Names of Subscribers by this Opportunity.

I have sent 20 Water Melons on board the Vessel, for you  
and Tommy. One half of them to be considered his. I am glad  
to hear he is doing well and hope he will persevere in doing so.  
You will <sup>me</sup> remember me affectionately to him.

I reciev'd a Letter from Mr. Murrell today, which mentions  
that our Friends at the Hills are well. The Prospect  
of a Year also, he says, is favorable.

A Letter from <sup>Samuel</sup> dated about a Month ago, has been  
received, mentioning that all were <sup>then</sup> well at North Hill.

I hope, my dear Son, you will rely on Divine Grace for  
all that is good. I woud not wish you to expect Mercy on  
any other Terms than those on which it is afforded to the  
Chief of Sinners. But seek it earnestly, with entire Reliance  
on the Saviour's Merit.

Your Grandma, Brothers, and Sisters, unite with  
me in Love to you, your Wife, and all the Family. I remain

My dear Son,

Your affectionate Father.

Richard Turman.



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