

Richard Furman
1755 - 1825

Charleston Oct^r 29th 1788

Dear Sister,

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I thank you for your Favor by M^r Hampton, which was regularly received; it afforded particular Pleasure to be informed you were well, as I had before heard your Family had been sick. I hope the afflictive Providences which have been sent through that Part of the Country, may be attended with a sanctified Influence; and that Brother Josiah, and other Friends are now recovered, as the healthy Season is coming on. We have great Reason to be thankful for the good State of Health enjoyed in our Family, and which is still preserved. I think from the Accounts received, there appears to be something favorable respecting the State of Religion at the Hills, and I shall both pray, and rejoice to see it advanced. M^r Nixon has long appeared to me as a Person possessed of Gifts, as well as Grace, to be useful; which I had mentioned to Friends, before I left the Hills; and I really hope and expect he will be useful. I expect by Divine Permission to be at the Hills the third Sabbath in next Month; but am apprehensive it will not be in Mother's power to go up; however, if she desires it, I shall do my Endeavor to have it accomplished. — I gave you information in a former Letter, of the favorable Appearances in George Town; they continue and increase, I have Baptized six respectable Persons there since the Spring, and think a Number are in the Way. There continues to be some Stirrings on the Consciences of Persons in Charleston: Twenty Two have been added to the Church by Baptism since I came to Town. — I find by M^r Hampton's Account, that considerable Offence has been taken at the Hills on Account of my Dress and Appearance in Charleston. It may be perhaps, that the Lord hath said unto them

Curse David;" But this however I can say, my Appearance and Beha-
vior ^{here} are accommodated to the prevailing Customs, in no higher pro-
portion than they were at the Mills to those prevailing there: It is the
Opinion and Desire of my Friends, that I should appear as the other Mi-
nisters of the City, in whose Company I often have to appear on publick
Occasions. And I acknowledge it is a Principle I have long acted upon
that, ^{it is} proper to conform in a moderate Degree, to the prevailing
Customs in the Place where we live, ~~provided~~ ^{provided} the Thing in it self
is not sinful; the Reason is obvious: as it is the means of avoiding
an odious Singularity, and of conciliating the Minds of Associates to
a free and familiar Intercourse. — We have just ended the Assoc-
iation Business, with which I have been very constantly employed
since Mr. Hampton came down. Mr. Profford lies very sick
in Town, was taken Yesterday. I hope dear Sister you may enjoy
much of the Presence and Blessing of the Great and Gracious
Jehovah, and ^{that} you may have strength to hold out to the ~~end~~
finally overcome. The Children & Mother I believe will

Join me in Love, ^{to you,} Mr. Maynworth, the Children, and all Friends.
I feel uneasy for those who are Conscientious, and distressed on Ac-
count of the Reports respecting me, and think it my ^{duty} to take every huma-
ble and proper Measure to give them Satisfaction; but I hope they will
not suffer Prejudices to take Possession of their Minds, which might
prevent their receiving the Benefit from my Labours which might
otherwise be enjoyed. With cordial Wishes for your present
and Eternal Happiness, I remain,

Dear Sister,

Twelve O'clock at Night.

Your affectionate Brother
Richard Furman.

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Mr Hampton }

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