

Ol Richard Furman
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Charleston, June 1800.

My dear Sister,

Your worthy Son, James, being about to return home to you after long Absence, I take the Opportunity of sending you a few Lines by him, to congratulate you on his Return, and on the Prospect of ~~entering~~ entering on a Life of Usefulness; which I hope will be extending to his own Credit, and the Benefit of Society at large. By Letters, from Doctors Rogers and Staughton, I am assured that he has finished his Course of Studies, and taken his Doctor's Degree with high Approbation from the Professors in the University; and that his Conduct in general has been commended.

I hope this will find you, M^r Kayneworth and the Children in good Health. I ^{have not} heard directly from you for a long Time; but not unfrequently in an indirect Manner, through M^r Murrie and M^r Roberts. At present I can write but little; it being at a late Hour of the Night; the Complaint in my Breast making against my writing much; and having to rise early in the Morning to converse with Negroes on their religious Concerns — the next Sabbath being our Communion Season.

Although it is not considered as a sickly Time in the City, it has so fallen out, in the Course of Providence, that I have for some Considerable Time been much employed in visiting the Sick; they being mostly affected by Consumptions, or Complaints of long

Continuance, and the Cases, ^{of this kind} unusually numerous. Among these are two young Women who seem to be just on the Borders of the Grave, of whom it is believed that their Affliction has been peculiarly sanctified to their Conversion: One of them, who had ^{been} remarkably careless in the first Stages of her Complaint, appears to have experienced this Change within the last Fortnight; the other at an earlier Period. This last exhibits a most pleasing Example of the Power and Efficacy of the Religion of Jesus Christ, in the Exercise of the Christian Temper, ^{while} in the greatest bodily Distress, and in the ^{Enjoyment of} Peace and Comfort, arising from a Sense of the Favor of God, in the near Prospect of Eternity.

M^r Furman has ^{been} for a considerable Time in a poor State of Health, but is now considerably better; one of the Children is quite unwell; but the rest of the Family, through Mercy, are pretty well; except the Boy Bob, who has been laid up from Service for several Weeks.

M^r F. and the Children write in Love to you, M^r Mayhew, and your Children, with,

My dear Sister,

P.S. Please remember me to all enquiring Friends. -

Your affectionate Brother

Richard Furman.

Ms Sarah Haynsworth

Honored by
Dr Haynsworth.

High Hills

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