

High Hills of Santee, 2nd Nov^r, 1814.

Richard Furman
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My dear Wife,

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I shall entertain some Hope of receiving a Letter from you, or some one of the Family, by tomorrow's Mail; though as your Time must have been short for answering the Letter I wrote ~~last~~ ^{last} Week, which I suppose went down on Sunday, I shall not think hard of your not writing. But as it will ~~be~~ ^{be} the last Opportunity of my receiving a Letter from you while at the Hills, I shall the more regret a Failure. On Sunday last I was with Mr. Roberts at the old Place of Worship in this Neighbourhood, and saw the most of my Relations there, and a Number of other Friends: They were generally well; indeed the Season is quite healthy at the Hills. Since Sunday Evening I have been at our Place, except for a little Time this Afternoon, when I rode up to Stateburg. Jack's Illness has been a principal Reason of my continuing chiefly at Home, as I thought him in a very dangerous Way, & have been giving him Medicine. I think ^{him} ^a ^{little} better, and hope he will recover; though it must take some Time for his Restoration, as he was going fast into a Dropy. I begin to write now, to prevent Disappointment; as I have to set off for the Association the Day after tomorrow, if God permit, & tomorrow two N. Carolina Ministers have appointed to preach at the Hills Meeting House, where it will be expected I shall attend. Rachel also speaks of either coming home with me, or to some place near, ^{I can be awhile} ^{long} ^{there} & it may be convenient for her to stay all Night. She was well on Sunday, and the Children getting much better.

I have not seen the latest Papers, but ^{have} ^{understand} that those from the Northward mention, that Lord Hill was expected to Sail from England sometime in September, for America, with about 14 Thousand Men. But of this Subject, & others of a Publick Nature, you must

have more particular Information in Charleston. I hope the Works for Defence of the City go on with Regularity & Dispatch.

I still intend, by Divine Permission, to get off as early as possible from the Meeting of Association, with a View of being in Charleston on Saturday Week. — I shall leave my Letter open till about the Time of my setting out for the Association, that if anything interesting occurs it may be inserted.

Thursday Evening, 3rd Nov.^r I attended at the Meeting House today, & heard a M^r. Davis from N. Carolina, & M^r. Dofney from Piedee preach; after Service I went with Rachel to M^r. James Murrell's, where we dined; and where we got Letters: Josiah's Letter of the 2nd Inst. enclosing M^r. Harper's Account as Treasurer of the Missionary Society, & one from M^r. Proctor, for me; and one or more, from M^r. Baker for Rachel. — It gives Pleasure to learn that through God's good Providence, yourself & the Family continued in Health at so late a Date, and that no immediate Danger from the Approach of an Enemy appeared to exist. I suppose Ann's Cough is not very bad, as Josiah takes no Notice of it in his Letter. His Sister of Samuel & his Wife being well, is particularly welcome, as I have not heard from him before for a considerable Time. My Sister, our other Relations & Friends, at least a Number of them, were at Church today, & generally in good Health. Rachel & her Children are pretty well. — The Fellow Jack is today much the same as he was yesterday. — M^r. Cook & M^r. McKellar were at Church today on their Way to the Association, as well as the Ministers who preached. M^r. Roberts & M^r. McNair intend to accompany M^r. Roberts; & we all expect to set off in the Morning for the appointed place. I indulge the Hope that the next Communication I have with you, my dear Dolly, will be verbal, & that the Time is not far distant. My Love to all our Children at Home, & to Woody & his Family: — And to all our Friends. I remain,

Your affectionate Husband.

Richard Turman.

P.S. As it will probably be Saturday Evening & late, before I can get down, & I shall have two Hopes, I wish that Corn or Oats, & some good Food may be procured before hand: And as the Man who is with me will, I suppose, for the first Day, be with us, it will be proper to have a Lodging fitted for him in the Lumber Room.



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Charleston

to Carolina

It is supposed by the Post-Master, at
Savannah, Georgia, that this letter was intended
to go by the mail which left here on Sunday
the 6th inst, but was not sent to his office
until late in the evening of that day, some
hours after the departure of the mail
for Charleston.