

Frankfort Feb. 20th 1835

Dear Martha,

Yours of the 15th Inst. has been duly rec^d, the perusal of which gave me much pleasure. The kind and affectionate expressions, which it contains, are gratefully acknowledged, and cordially reciprocated. The feelings, which the reception of a letter from you, inspires me with, can be more easily conceived, than described. I hope you will not consider me as indulging in exaggeration, when I declare to you, that you and our dear little children are almost the only objects, on earth, which make life sweet and dear to me. I again reiterate, that I never regretted any act of my whole life, more, than the unkind, not ^{to} say cruel, letter, to which you refer. I sincerely hope, that ~~all~~ ^{every} trace of that letter, has been erased, from your memory. If you will promise me never to think of it, again, I will promise you, that I will never offend in that way again, while I live, if human frailty will enable me, to do so. You may expect to see me at home, about ^{the} 10th of March, when, I will endeavour, to convince you, by our clear proof, of the truth & sincerity of the foregoing protestations. I have no news of interest, and ^{have so} ~~but~~ little leisure, ^{I cannot write you a long, sentimental letter,} owing to the great multiplicity of my duties & labors, (which require almost the whole of my time.) I hope, therefore, you will excuse ~~me~~ the brevity of this letter, and permit me to conclude, by asking you, to tell sister that I want to see her very much, and ~~the~~ the other children, that I want to see them too, and that I intend to bring them all something, that will please them, when I come home, and by assuring you, that I love you, more than I had any conception of, until separated from you by time & space; and that I fondly hope, ~~that~~ it will not be long, before, I ^{shall} embrace you, in the arms of sincere friendship & affection.

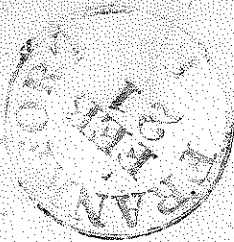
N. B. I will not forget the }
Garden Side - W.B.

Isaac Burnett

P.S. It is possible, I shall be with you, by the 6th of March, should the des-
patch of business, hereafter, be equal to what it has been, for the last 2 or 3 days.

I intend to see you, at the earliest moment, my duty will permit—

The close of the session is so near at hand, This is the last } Isaac Bursell
time, I shall address you, from this place. May the Lord }
embrace you, in the arms of his mercy, till we meet }
again! Farewell! J.B.



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