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My dear, dear, Son Philander { May 8th 1818
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You are a sincere Believer in The Christian Religion, and one day, I hope, will be a faithful Minister of God, who died to subdue Death and wrest from him, as David did from his type, his deadly spear.

I make this beginning to my letter that you may recollect your character and call to your aid your best principles while I tell you of things, which, to unassisted nature, might be insupportable; Heavy tidings, coming as they do in quick succession to the last I wrote you filled with the most pleasing intelligence. — Are you then prepared to have your devoutly supplicated the gracious assistance of the most High while you read what follows — O my Son you had a Mother — she is now in Paradise — to nature how painful the tidings! to faith how comforting that she was a Christian — is now a Saint.

I think the last letter I wrote you was dated on Saturday, a day of joy and gladness to me. There it was then poured forth to you my whole heart — in love to you and my dear family and gratitude to Heaven; for your Mother was, after the alarming scenes immediately succeeding parturition, then in a comfortable rational & hopeful state, sleeping sweetly with her lovely daughter.

An appointment had been made and adver-
-tised in the public prints that I should preach
in Columbus on Sunday following the day
I mention. Your Mother during the night
having experienced comfortable repose I felt
it my duty to go as had been arranged. There
fore leaving her in the care of her physician
her two Sisters Mr Evans & Atkinson and a
Nurse I mounted my horse with a light
and grateful heart as I ever had experienced
I returned in the evening and found her
delirious - The puerperial fever attended
with an alarming dropsical swelling
in the head hands and feet had set in
and baffled all remedies. A council
of Physicians was assembled and
all measures taken that were within
the circle of human wisdom but all
in vain. She expired on the morning
of the 5th instant at half past 2 o'clock
leaving me without a wife friend and coun-
sellor and you & brother & little sister
without the best of Mothers & Gra-
vious Saviour & compassionate pro-
tector of afflicted man. Look on us in
- mercy; make us summoners to Thy will
guide us by Thy wisdom secure us by
Thy power and save us by Thy grace.
We thank Thee for all Thine alleviating in

& help take care of her, as she has a child of her
own. For a day or two things went well
and the Child though extremely feeble seemed
to gain. I visited her several times in the
day and procured all the comforts which
could be thought of. Yesterday afternoon
I was sent for and found her sick and
the symptoms of her illness approximating
to convulsions. The Physician was called
in & an additional careful Nurse (an excellent
old Lady in the neighborhood) persuaded to watch
over her all last night. I was with them
and we witnessed much distress which we
could not relieve. What more painful to
my feelings! During one of her sickest
turns I felt it my duty to administer
the Sacrament of Holy Baptism in
the private form. If she dies this will
be consoling to me to you, and all: if she
lives you must be her Sponsor, and take
the Christian's obligation to see that she
be brought up in the nurture and admoni-
tion of the Lord on yourself in public

Evening of the 10 Whitunday

I have attended to my sacred duties of Admin-
istering the Holy Communion this day to
my beloved people. Your Mother was absent
from my mind hardly a moment. When kneel

day at the collar it seemed the war permitted to hover
round my spirit prompt my devotions &
smile on the work of faith.

Your Little Sister is some better I called
as I came from Church and spent an hour
or two with her. She sleeps but too sound
but we hope for the best.

As I am approaching the end of two weeks I must
say a few words about your coming hither &
the means of defraying your expenses as well
as paying your demands in Mass.^{ts}

Whatever your bills exceed that I've left
Mr Brinley in Middle Town Bank you will
draw for, or Prime Ward & Sands, Bro
kers New York whom I shall enable
and instruct to answer your
demands.

I think you had better give up
your project of coming in a waggon
and take Saddle. Before you've gotten
half way you'll wish your wheels in
the moon. Put all your goods up
in Boston and send them to Philadelphia
or Baltimore by water to the care of ~~the~~
Take the Stage go to Uncle Dudleys, see your
house only & set your face to the south
coming by the way of Hartford W^{ts}
Phila & Baltimore. I will send my next
to the care of Prime Ward & Sands Brokers
New York on whom you'll draw for Cash. I shall ad-
vise them to pay you all they have adv^d all

Jonathan Manro
Market Street, Baltimore
will receive & forward your
effects to this place

all, all, all, in the Bank. These same
Gentlemen are my agents authorized by
power of attorney duly executed to collect
sell and so forth all my property —
I regret I have had no advice from them
of late. Tomorrow I send 300 Dollars
to them for you but may consider
I should have intervened to prevent the
collections of the Rent Roll in Pough-
keepsie or the care of Mrs Clark and
Welman. As a last resort I had advised
them to sell the Poughkeepsie Mortgage
1300 Dollars if no better at a small
sacrifice I should be glad to do it at any
rate for the face of it.

"All Over"
You'll talk my affairs all over —
with Mr Lloyd in Hartford We'll
give you a letter of introduction to
Prime Ward and family.
From home from Baltimore either will be
to Fredericktown Maryland Thence Harper's Ferry
Charlestown Mills, Gap Div. — Old town
Cumberland Maryland Uniontown Browns-
ville & Washington Penn. — Thence to Wheel-
ing via Thence Garsenville & Washington
Ohio — Get letters of introduction to Bp.

W. and other clergy in Phila. Call on the Rev
Leam. Jarvis N.Y. Get letters to Wm Kemp
Baltimore - When you shall have some
as far as Yarnerville you'll be in one
of my parishes as it were - call on Dr
Reed formerly of Glosterburg Conn
and when there insist on his introducing
you to Mr J. H. Matthews whom I know
I love & who loves me if possible as well
as Col. Putnam

Now think I strongly -
What if you had made your
arrangements to go by the way last I
of Buffalo? Why in that case
case & you can't recede you
must put your Wagon & effects in
the care of Bill Thompson of Black
rock near Buf. with orders to forward
by water to Messrs Jennings, Darling
& Co Sandusky City (mind the
positive words of this direction.) Then
Mount your horse & come to Cleve
land Wooster, Frederick, Berkshire
& Worthington.
Tell Antipus he must come
to me whether with you or alone

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My father
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