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My dear son Philander & }
My dear daughter Rebecca }

I have this moment rec'd your letter
announcing your marriage.

To describe my feelings on this happy intelligence
would be impossible. The letter was read in silence
by your good mother while residing at breakfast,
and in her countenance it was I read the im-
portance of some news - I knew not what, by
a marvelous mixture of paleness of the mouth
mingled with a brilliancy of the eyes common
to those full delight of the most exquisite
nature. "Philander & Rebecca are married" said
she as she cast her eyes to Heaven for a blessing on
you both. Mrs R. Mr Sharrow, Salmon & even
Dad - and Sarah dropped their ~~their~~ knives & forks
on their plates seeming to say by their looks amen
to the prayers which you know I offered to Him
who alone can sanctify even in our fallen state
that institution which he made in our frieval
honouring the connexion of Man & woman.

My dear Children - I pray in heart
constantly for you. and that prayer is for a
blessing - on you & your offspring which God
grant you in full tale. May you be like
Isaac & Rebecca living faithfully together; and

like Jacob may you my son see the
land of promise filled with your offspring.

May God bless & protect you both. May the
Lord bless you and keep you. May he lift
up the light of his countenance upon you,
& give you peace both now and ever more!
This is my blessing now - ever - an - on, look-
ing to God - and praying him who alone
can give to grant it in to you -

Dear Rebecca; if your husband treat
you ill, tell me of it and I will chastise
him. Philander, love your wife; and
she will forgive you - foibles & make you
better.

and now dear Children; remember
& let the remembrance be as the effect of
the diamonds point on on the plate of the
hardest steel. Remember to say your
prayers. Look up with tearful eyes in the
hour of sorrow to Him who alone can alle-
viate it. And in the time of prosperity let
gratitude knit you often, very often upon
your knees. Do this while your children
are around you; & when you are in the grave
they will imitate your pious example!

Remember this; & to the utmost will be
fulfilled the wish of your Father P. & Q.

Dr. Geo. John. Jan 1871

Granville

Ohio

1871