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My dear Mr. Nicholas

I have received your kind and affectionate letter with much gratitude. I was very sorry to hear by Mr. Cune's letter of all the difficulties which you met with in the way, but he who has always been your guard and protector has carried you safe to your worldly habitation, and now my dear Mr. Nicholas don't forget to honour, glory, and praise his name for the many snares and temptations which he has led you through for we are not able to go through and suffer one half that our dear Redeemer suffered for us, and take that as a light burden which the Lord has placed on you, now my dear Mr. Nicholas I know that you will say I am fond of preaching, I think I hear the sweet words coming from your lips. I am happy to hear that you found your dear family all well, and also your little Grandson. O dear that you used to fret so much about who was so complaining, to God all things are possible, but to man nothing. I am happy to inform you that Miss Julia is well I have seen her to day, her spirits are better than they were, and although I have lost such a dear friend in you I have found a friend in Miss Julia. I am sorry to say that I did not think it would please the Almighty so soon after I parted from ^{you} to call your dear Father home, but I trust it is for the better and that he is now an Angel in Heaven with his blessed Redeemer free from all care and sorrow. I saw Mr. Charles yesterday and am happy to tell that he is and looks very well, I must needs tell you that I think he is a very nice young gentleman, he was very attentive to Mr. Hoffman during his sickness and in

his last hours.

My dear Mrs. Nicholas I wish to tell you now something about the good work which the Lord placed first in your heart to begin, concerning the freedom of my children, that with the help of him Miss Miller has succeeded wonderfully, she has made every exertion that she could to assist the poor slaves. Our pastor Mr. Williams has promised to give a certain sum towards restoring my children, and I hope he who first began the work will carry it on, for he leaves not his works half finished as soon as I have only to pray that the Lord will give me faith, and only to believe that he will do all things that are right, if he sees fit to restore my children to me I shall be thankful, and if not I am thankful also, for his will must be done and whatever he pleases I am willing to submit to. And now my Mrs. Nicholas I thank you and Miss Miller for all the trouble you have taken, may God bless you for it and may you receive your reward from his hand who is ever able to pay it.

I have written three or four letters to Cassara since you have been gone and have not had any answers, Miss Miller also wrote, I expect to hear soon and will let you know as soon as I hear from them, I will never take back any word that I told you about my children, I wish this were in your hands now for I know she would be well taken care of. He that searcheth the hearts, knoweth what is the mind of the Spirit because he maketh intercession for the saints, according to the will of God. Now I ask Mrs. Nicholas, Miss Coker, and Mr. Whitman to please to remember me at the throne of Grace for the Lord hears and will answer the prayers of such, pray that the Lord will strengthen my faith that I may trust and believe that my dear Redeemer will do all that is right and just for me.

Remember me kindly to Miss Coker and to all the family. I often think about the bottles of hot water and wish I was there to wrap me in the night cap too, and in one corner there making up your

face, how comfortable I would make your room for you I would stop up every little hole I could find, you must try and put up with it this winter, I hope next summer every thing will be put in order, and that next winter I will be sleeping in the big bed for you to make you warm.

Spencer begs to be remembered kindly and thanks you for your good wishes he hopes the Lord will make him repent and turn him to himself. We are both engaged to go to Mr. Murray Hoffmann, Spencer feels very badly to change and is glad that we can go together in the same family, Miss Mary will be there when we first go for two or three weeks for Mr. Murray will not be married until towards the end of April we are very glad that we will get used to the ways of the house with Miss Mary first.

I am very happy to tell you that Katy was very attentive to Mr. Hoffmann during all his illness she could not do more than she did she has ~~very~~ very bad health ever since his death she seems to feel it to much, I am happy to tell you that she has left off her bad habits she does not ever put her foot out of the door, while she is so I know she will never ^{want} friends, her ways have altered so much that I have got quite fond of her and she of me which last I never expected, she is going to Freshkill with Miss Julia to spend the summer. Miss Pughman was written for them both to come.

I put all things in the hands of him who is able to do all things and now my dear Mrs. Nicholas God bless you and may the blessing of our Lord & Saviour Jesus Christ rest upon you and all your family. I remain your affectionate servant
Elizabeth Spencer
Please write to me soon.

we must do just what we can, not what we wish, I shall be very happy to
dwell at Fishkill though I did want very much to be for a while in
Philadelphia just. Our Green, Gifford sent to me for your direction he is
going to move West and wants to go where you are, he will be a good opportunity
for me to send out the things to you which I will pack and direct before I
leave town. I have not seen Mr Jones at all. Through Maria's child we heard
John had sold his house for \$5000. and that the children have Charles & Anne.
I must stop for the want of room, I am still staying at Lucus, love to the girls
Ever yours attached Julia W.



Mr Richards
Care of Mr. G. W. Fishkill
Quincy
Illinois



I have written this letter my dear Sister exactly in the Elizabeth's words
she preferred having me to write it for she said she could tell me
more easily what she had to say than she could Miss Miller.
As she has told you Katy and I are going to Fishkill the beginning
of April to spend the summer, I was obliged to give up my visit to Miss
Gratz for I could not leave Katy in town without me she is in weakened
health and spirit and has become blind in one of her eyes by a cataract.
Miss Gratz will be disappointed for she expects me to pass some time with her
in the fall I shall probably go on to George and stay with her on my way.

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