

Thurs Johns Octobers the 3 1824

My Dear cousin - or may inform you that I have
Bene once more favoured with a letter from you
and was glad to hear of the health of your fathers
family and other friends. But acciden to the course of
nature it cant be expected that your aged grandmother
can be with you much longer but that you must
pay the debt that we all have to pay sooner or later
and hope and pray that are found in well doing,
when the Lord shall be pleased to call them hence from
this world of woe and misery and is pleased to take them
to himself. Tell your dear fathers mothers and friends
of mine that when I saw them that I thought of how
expensive a large share of trouble for one of my time
of life but oh gracious god what was all that to my
present trials - on the 15 of last november my near aged
companion was taken with a paralytick stroke from
which we had but little reason to expect him to
recover but in some length of time he began
to regain his health and speech - he now is in as good
health as I think I may say as ever I knew him - and
is able to labour for some short time at once as well
as ever. he talks a great deal more than he used to
before he had the shock but it is hard to under-
stand his meanings unless it upon a subject that you have seen
one of his one children - neither can we make him under-
stand who we mean when we speak of them to him if we
call them by their names - for at the same time his recollections
are quick of any person that he almost ever saw before -
his attachment for the things of the world is great
and surprising - he cant read a word no more than I
if he never knew a letter. Those trials my dear and
the loss of my health is hard for me in such a
feble state as I am in - I am now as able to go about
with the assistance of god and all of my good children

James and his wife came up about two weeks ago
we took me to St Johns where I was when I got
your letter and such a good chance to answer it
as the packet nanvay is in and will sail within the
course of four or five days - your ~~dear~~ cousins in
those parts are all enjoying good health except Joseph

Fowler - he is almost crippled with the rheumatism
but your uncle Samuel that it would take your
cousin Joseph longer to make a harrow done now
than it did when he helped him make his - My

My love to you my dear child and may you
live a life of glory and at your departure be
received into everlasting rest - if me your unfortunate
aunt was without this comfortable hope at my self
what would be left where with I might comfort
my self with - My kind love to your dear father
and mother - likewise your uncles and aunts who
as fit filantly alone do for out those words with
tears that dimm my eyes - oh never must I see
those dear friends any more in this life but
it will soon be over with me - think not my
dear friends that I only think of you solely
while writing for then you will do me none
I was using James a few days ago if I could
have my profile taken in this place to send to
you but he said I could not - then I was sorry
that I had not complied with your fathers
request and had it taken when I was nearer
you - there is one more family that I have
not forgot neither would I wish to neglect -
that is your good friends of wish cousin James when
you see them you would give my love to them &
tell them I ever shall wish them well in time and
eternity - and hope God may bless them - I ever hold
my self in debt to them and other friends

of now my dear Rachel will not trouble you
with any more of my bad writing at present
but if it should you should comfort write
again and again and if I am living you will find
me always willing to write as well as of care to you
or any one that would think enough of me
to do the same favour

My dear friends - I hope you are
is the hantley and increase wisher of yours
loving aunt - Rachel & Bartholomew

To Rachel Fowler of art - oh I kiss the name
for I love them both

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