Cohurst, Apr. 8, 1819.

I think by this time my Dear Charles you will allow I have some reasons to give you a gentle reprimand for breach of duty: but I will not assume any suspensions. I am sure you have substantial reason to excuse me at any rate one cannot be grossly by approaching the other for negligence. If you say I am heartily ashamed that we have so long neglected to letter you as you wish and on my honor promise to be a better girl in future but this truth is my Dear Charles that I am secretary for the family. Besides never write to James but seldom, if they are all dispersed in different directions, consequently I have many calls upon my time this to be sure is a pleasant duty, I hope it only as a slight palliation for my remissness if you should consider it as such. Nor have I time to my produce I will try to be more interesting.

I doubtleep I succeeded. Dear dear Father we hope in your health is now in Green Bush where he will probably remaining a month perhaps. From thence he expects to go to Calcutta Harbour at which place we know can have our foot collected we shall hope to see himself
Here he there before he goes — Brother George I believe is at the
Eattlesburg but expects soon to be removed to some other medical post
perhaps with other, Thos. Thos. or at least he have just left letters
from my Brothers dexterous & skillful at Middletown. They are in
good health — Miss mae has for some weeks been afflicted with
an inflammation in her eyes but seems more to be recovering
faster mother has been somewhat unwell for a few weeks but is
now tolerably recovered — James & myself are both in our usual good
health & at the times permit by their causes. reading, the other
writing — thus my Dear Charles have I given you an abstract history
of our family but her indeed is a wonderful confusion not a word
about Mrs. Stearns, how she in health ought to have been at
the first but the last she's not the least in my memory. She
is much grown since we saw her, but does not speak as fluently
as we could wish but a few words she can say — Probably before this
you have been informed of the great loss your friends Sheriff
has sustained in the death of his brother — is of this revolution
that has taken place in Rockbridge as it regards the religion
of morality of the place that more than one hundred on the plain
have become religious converts — indeed I am at a loss whether to
write that will afford you pleasure — a narrative at this time must
be pleasing indeed the depressing emotion of our country at this
time words make almost any effect melancholy. The prevailing
epidemic has swept off many of your acquaintances not lastly
Mr. Duney of Williamstown, the sister of Mr. Bantock has lost a Husb.
and children & many friends commonly to lament her loss — sometim
have died in our village, but we have escaped entirely. It has not
in every town about us— If we are unwilling to action, we, & God in his
insects. Then she shall be in hell to do him in the absence of his judges
who— I am much pleased with your new neighbor
this person also of Mr Woodward and her cousin a fine girl, Unlike, once like
has not a handsome face, but something in her manner that interests me—
her name I think the handsomest! I never saw the person seems very
pleased with his selection. Mrs. Ripley is with them this winter & will probably
remain there, the economy. The husband, who is but twenty, adds an addition
of apparent since his marriage, she seems as gay & fond of company
as ever — In a few months, it is expected will commence housekeeping
in about three weeks, in the house formerly occupied by Mr. Tomlinson
- As soon as Mr. Goodman & Robinson settled are soon to be married.
In any other things that I must omit to mention for the more important
Old friends— how my Dear Charles remember you are considerably
I am confident you have as much leisure as I have—
Don’t be ceremonious but write whenever you feel. I beg
the same — Let me James shall not send his love for he must write many
Shall anxious to expect you to write & do not disappoint your affectionate

one need me Dear Charles from your
affectionate Mother who longs to see her Pearl
son Charles but being deprived of their dear with
blessing at present - begs Him to conduct
that she may hope for it ere long — Do you
search the Scriptures-rich keep the Sab bath
holy unto the Lord — and all the Commandments
of God — it is my constant desire the He would
protect, support and provide for your children.
and believe me your affectionate
friend. Also. Need to be learned.