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Faintash Saturday noon.

Oct 17<sup>th</sup> 1846.

My dear Father,

Your letter of Oct 12<sup>th</sup> it being No 8. was received by the mail of last evening - and I respond to it by the mail of to day via Hillsboro - The letter to my uncle was not received - is now at Raleigh -!

You have now been absent from Home a month and the letter of last evening tells us "That as yet you see no improvement in the condition of dear Middled -! To learn that "she was free from suffering - sitting up and comfortable at the moment of your writing is not without its comfort to me.

I begin to think you will not be at Home this month - perhaps not until the 1<sup>st</sup> of next, and from what uncle tells me it is not impossible that you will consent for my sister to remain in Philadelphia during the winter should the Dr. advise it - or you think it proper to do so - I shall endeavor to arrange my mother to leave Home about the middle of November and should they not get back to Raleigh by that time I will in going south "call to see you" via Baltimore Ohio River and Olean.

It is about as cheap - said to be more comfortable travel and I will be something new.

This matter can be discussed hereafter - I merely mention it as a thought of my mind -

I had no letter from the South by the mail of  
last evening and am some what surprised  
that I did not get one -!

Thomas has had but one chill - that on  
Sunday last - he left his room day before  
yesterday for the first time - he has not yet  
been out of the House - has been as well  
good fellow, takes quinine like a Trojan  
and now has a good appetite - his mouth  
very sore with fever blistering -

Anna is again pretty smart - she sometimes  
she gets into a corner and says she feels chilly  
like myself she has lost nothing of flesh or com-  
plexion - The little ones are all looking very  
well - and eat with the relish of "factory  
girls" - little Demas now sitting alone  
snubbing his biscuit. Rebecca devotes more  
than half her time to books which she  
reads very readily and is beginning to look  
into News Papers -

We have here and at the plantation a  
number of sick ones - enough to make me  
"go the rounds" every day - at this time I  
regard old Aunt Easter and Shoe maker  
Ben as most seriously sick - I have just  
placed a large blister upon the old woman's  
breast. This is Ben's second attack -! I can't hope  
for good health in our family of negroes  
until first -

I saw Uncle for a moment yesterday - he told me had  
a very ill boy - a number sick at Home and Little  
River and that he had sent Virgil below to see  
several who had been reported as very sick -

He may escape himself - but I saw not with-  
out my fears for him - The sight of seeing  
Thomas Shaking by whom he was seated ~~and~~  
at the moment he was taken caused Uncle (as if  
involuntarily) to button up his coat! This made  
us all laugh heartily - I wish should he be  
taken sick make him march up to "his tick box"  
and go through the drill of Cal' and Spec' and  
quinine as we all here had to do -

I called to see our neighbor Filding Leathers  
yesterday morning who is quite sick - he told  
me of the death of Mrs Wilkins about two yrs.  
and says that since he has known Ellsby  
crack he never knew such a universal "knock  
down" of its population - in some families no  
one up to help the sick and not a fire without  
meat or bread - living on vegetables! They will  
never consent to be taught to do better - nor do  
I know that they wish "any change" at least any  
change that will make them more frugal or  
industrious!

Our friends Major Hinton and Capt  
Jones have favoured us with a visit of two  
days this week on their return from Caswell.  
Both quite well: and seemed to enjoy their visit

here much - they had fine appetites for fine  
meat - talked a good deal - reported the  
proceedings they <sup>had</sup> at Mr Mangum's with  
above they passed a night.

I had an old acquaintance of yours here  
last night William Beauford - he had been  
to Raleigh on business with the clerk of the  
Sup Court - he found Mr Freeman absent &  
no one in his office or his representative  
to do with him as far as I. Hill this morning  
he says things are not a little changed  
and improved -

I have seeded one hundred and  
fifty bushels of wheat: we shall have to drive  
very close to get in the crop in time - we are  
getting our cotton crop out with more speed  
than our people have ever used before - I believe  
we shall make here quite a clean crop - for  
no: ca: soil and climate. Should things permit  
I wish to go to Person on Monday if our people are  
well enough but the chances are against my going -  
Mr Piper doing well - Love to my dear sisters.  
Why is it Mary will not write us! All unite  
with me in best affections  
Your son truly  
A. C. Cameron