

Faintonish Ormeau to Thursday

July 30th 1846

My dear Father,

By Ben on yesterday I received your letter with one from Uncle - He is at last off - and I hope he may be induced to stay away from us, until it is perfectly safe for him to return, but safe or not safe he will be at home at or before the 2^d Sunday in September.

I am grieved to hear that our dear Colly has suffered so much more than usual - nothing on earth do I so much wish to hear as her relief. I wish I could see and be more with her - and in some way make myself useful to her, but when I get near her I fear I am often times in her way as soon as he still as much as it seems to me every body should be about her.

I ought not and informed you of the very sudden death in our family last week a child here and a child at Snow Hill on the same day with ~~spasms~~ spasms - and of poor Nancy in Person I every day to prevent a different result may give within our power. I sometimes feel like yielding to the course of nature and make no effort against disease.

We have several cases of chills and fever from the several plantations - one of which I have collected here. No service, but a little Speake and calomel give very prompt relief. At Trinquitee the number of sick is

about the same as when uncle left us - Virgil
has had two chills, but he was able to be up
and about the yard the next day - unless the
thing should be changed with us - I should not be
surprised if any one on the plantation should have
a slight touch of chill and fever, and unless we
should have some change wrought about either by
the advancing season or the habits of the people
we shall probably have no very serious cases if
the proper medicines be early administered -

I shall send Squire down tomorrow - and he will
be with you on Saturday with a load of flour and
flour/outs of the new crop and meal for the use
of your family - Abner is out to day for
a supply of chickens and Ducks and I
hope he will be able to obtain you a good
supply -

~~Our~~ The larger portion of our labour is at this
time engaged in hauling and thrashing the crop
of wheat - which will be shorter than I had
feared - the best effort will be made to make the
most of it. Our crops of cotton have improved a good
deal - and the corn is looking in the unimpaired portions
of the crop as well as it can look -

I had intended going to Boston to day - but my sick
and the wheat bums together have prevented me -
I had been informed by Bro Lyman of his having

sent me to Raleigh two pounds from Bollings stocks - Some
year or two ago I heard him speak in terms of strong
admiration of Mr. M. Flock and begged him at the proper
time to obtain a pair for me - He says he is
to pay Mr. M. \$8. Dollars each as the price fixed on
between them - you will therefore oblige me if
you will remit when the sum of \$16. I have not
the cash and the strings are intended for your
flock - I am pleased to have you get such
good accounts of our affairs at the South: I
hope "the growing crop" now "equal to any" in
the State will make good the representation when
it is made - A late letter from the Overseer says his land
is made - a heavy crop - the cotton looks better than in
the earlier part of the season - The number of sick some
7 or 8 - and 5 women not able to render any aid
in the crop and will not be out as pickers -

I am anxious for Anne and the children to make you
and my sister a long visit: but we have a good
many difficulties in the way - I can well be absent from home
more than a day and night & I feel but little disposed
to be here by myself - If however if Anne will go to see
on Lukes return I will not offer any opposition as it is my
wish for her and all the little ones to visit Grand father
and aunts. I know Milly as well as Pragy wish to see
the little man. Our daughter Anne has not been well
for several days - she is without appetite - the others in
growing order, but no one can tell how long before
they may have a chill and a fever -

Mr Hay's resignation takes me much by surprise
and I feel very willing to believe that he acted
from good motives - but he that as it may
be found as I see but little indulgence at the
hands of his old friends, and he must have
a large share of forgiveness if he can return to
them. I had our old acquaintance and friend
Geo Stappford on Sunday last - he went from
us on Monday to Brattleburg I think very
doubtful as to the result. Waddell was
here on Saturday as Uncle told you he says he
will beat "The Captain" 100 votes!!

I wish our election was over and our mill dam
repaired and I would try to take the next two
months a little easier than I have done
the last three - we have a very heavy
job at the Euro mill - it must be
attended to all may be a week
before the winter is gone -

Love to my dear sisters,

Yours truly

P. Cameron