

September 30th, 1843

My dear Joseph - I should have written to you before this time, but have been waiting from day to day in the expectation of being able to tell you that all the business was settled with Hartsler, but he is so much engaged with his fall work that he has not taken his wife to town to sign the deed - Israel's "little caper" ended with a sore hand, and William got another surveyor to come out, your uncle Geranders sent to tell me a few days ago that the deed was ready, and calls for the payment of \$111.56 which is for about three fourths of an acre - The charge for surveying, and writing the deed is \$5.00. William left us last Monday morning for Phila, he said I must not look for a letter till next Monday. Robert came from Gettysburg the Thursday after you left us, he and Will read and talked a great deal while W. remained, and since that time he goes to town every day to see Mr. B. and have some conversations. He says he can tell the folks when he goes to Gettysburg that "Puseyism" is not the monster they all take it to be - their ministers have been preaching about it for some time past. Robert is a fine promising young man, very studious, and has a great deal of knowledge for his years - he comes out every evening before tea, and reads to us nearly till he retires - Will sent the papers the week you left us. Mr. Darlington noticed "Footprints" - and - I think - chose the lines on the title page for his sample. Mr. Forney merely mentioned having received it, and would say more of it the next week.

This week he has puffed [?] it, and quoted the "green gate of Paradise" - according to William['s] directions, I sent the paper first to him, and he will send it to you. Yesterday your uncle Geranders told me, that Mr. Buchanan mentioned to him that he had seen one of the pieces in some of the papers and admired it - your uncle told him he would let him have the volumn [sic] to look over, he thanked him, and declined, as he meant to call and get one for himself - Now I suppose you would like to hear something about the wedding. - well I will try - but I scarcely know where to begin - I hear from Mr. Bowman "that the company consisted of the nearest relatives only, Mr. P\_\_\_\_['s] brother, and young Stockton his nephew were the only members of his family - The remainder were Colemans and Halls - in all about twenty - immediately after the ceremony the two little boys were taken into the room, and introduced to their Mama and were then brought home" - The company supped in town and two carriages came out about 11 o'clock - all Wednesday and Thursday they were moving between Wheatland and town - and sending invitations for Thursday evening - you were not forgotten - The lawn was not illuminated, but the loafers were under the impression that the grounds and house were to be thrown open for them, they passed here in crowds, and very soon after dark the house was surrounded by hundreds - William went over for a few minutes, and had some difficulty to get through the mass of people in the entry - The Band from Phil. came as expected - Martha, William and Mr. Fordney were there, I do not think the company was large, I only judge from the carriages, and I heard that many who were invited did not mean to go on account of the inconvenience of getting out. The bride and groom have gone to Princeton - when they



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return, your Aunt Harriet and I will call. – I have not heard anything of Mr. Frazer and bride, only that 6 o clock last Thursday evening was the time fixed for the ceremony.

I must not neglect to tell you that your letter from Wheeling reached here on Monday, after William left us – I was glad to hear that you were so far on your journey in safety – as the river is high you must be almost at Natchez by this time.

I asked Anna and Sam what I should tell cousin Joseph – Anna said “tell ee I gonee Meeseeseeppee too see ee” [sic] – Sam repeated letter for letter just as she said. Robert is a good deal amused with the courtship which he thinks is going on in town he sees a little of it every day at dinner. We have not heard any thing about it, except that the partner of the gentleman tells his acquaintances, that as people have raised such a report – Mr. Hart will give them all the assistance he can to keep it up. We have had some very hot weather since you left us. The last three days have been cold, we have fire – there was frost on Thursday night for the first this season – I suppose you have cooler weather also. Ellen Bowman has returned, and expects to go back to the “Hall,” when the winter session begins. Mary Grace is at Gettysburg yet – Mrs. Mahaffy is going to her Mothers in a private conveyance and M. G. is to come home by the return of that, but I have not heard the time fixed. I think I have filled my paper in a jumbled manner for the children[?]s voices have been sounding in my ears all the time – Grace has just taken them out to run in the yard – We are all in good health, and join in sending a great deal of love – I am as ever your affectionate Mother.

[Written along side:] Saturday evening – I have just received your letter from Louisville –

[Envelope:]

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