

Charleston August 8 1822

My dear Sister,
I had the great pleasure of getting a letter from you yesterday last week. The first part gave me much pain to find how sick you had been with your stomach not doubt caused by the state of your mind but it was a relief to find by the latter date of your letter 26th July that you was much better than for 9 or 10 days past - I hope through the goodness of our merciful God you have continued so. Owing to my own forgetfulness I was very unhappy at not hearing from you last week I expected a letter on Thursday (as the Thursday before I got one) was disappointed, the next I again sent & none & on Saturday when I was for one hour wretched, for I feared some unlucky happening - but I found upon looking over your letter afterwards that you said at the close of it that unless Bunker sailed after a certain time you then feared you would not write - & I don't know how it would have slipped my memory for I seldom see your letters ^{again} than three times after I get them besides looking over them when I answer them. I hope you will not be as uneasy by not hearing by Bunker in the usual time ~~for~~ I will give you notice of it in my next letter by Mail for I don't think he could have had a short passage - & Mary wrote on the 3rd inst by the Gov^r Hawkins's ship will certainly have a long one from the adverse winds for it since the day after sailing. Through the mercy of God we are all well except Mary who has been very disorderly in her stomach too almost constantly as you ^{have been} ~~described~~ your but she is better now. I hope my dear Sister you have got in a more comfortable state of mind about the state of our affairs here as bad as they have been; I trust & believe they are not now in that state to warrant your fears & anxieties awakened by them & your tenderness for us to destroy your peace. Oh do not indulge such apprehensions; I assure it is far from being our state or experience - & I do not believe me say so merely to visit you or to put the best & best on it. With respect to present danger I trust by the blessing of God the plans of these detestable creatures are frustrated for a while; some say for 20 & others for 30 years, they no one can say, nor do I believe it will be in this age of revolution, as long; yet I trust we have charity & patience such a deliverance it has been in answer to the prayers of faith that have been offered up by the people of God here, & who ^{are} ~~other~~ but few in comparison of the rest of the inhabitants, yet have the promise of God to rest on this. W^m Garrison for whom \$200 reward was offered by the Gov^r is apprehended near

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for Dye but I told him we had not come to our conclu-
sion how to do with it. I gave Mr. Dyer this morning
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week to you with Mr. Lee's but as you may be in want of
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be back before the fall so am disappointed of seeing it by
him as I hoped to do the next trip. The premium on
bills of exchange is now very high I have left it
in the hands of Mr. Donald whether to get one from
Goodman who resides here at his order or Edward St. 3^d he
will soon be going off & I thought as there had been
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from the persons here of Mr. E. & me from the
North, but as I could not think myself as
a judge as a man in business I told Mr. D. I
rather he should decide. I shall be
going back & forth by John I fear I shall
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I will write this day week again. & if any thing of more than
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weight with it – & indeed I felt worse about the first execution I think than I have done since except the night of the 25th for a little while. I have made such a mistake about the time being altered for the Mail to leave here which is to be from Jany next & I thought till McDonald told me a few minutes ago that it now had gone into effect viz. 4 o'clock in the afternoon that I have to write in a very hurried manner. He is now gone to get a bill of exchange of some sort for \$120. – McKee never called according to promise but sent in his bill for \$56. 20/100 – you may remember we still owed him consirable [sic] when we paid \$40 about 18 months or two years ago then he put the put the brick pillars under the floor at the stores in May 1820 & agreed for I have it in his own hand now for \$25, & he charges the \$25 then he worked at the next House after Mr Hutchinson left it this comes to near \$6 the account I believe very correct – At the foot of it he writes thus “At this time I cannot make any further payment to Mrs Gilchrist as soon as I can I will” respectfully I wrote to him the same day & told him his charge was correct & would be deducted but as he had promised to pay if you were desirous of it I had written to you so & that it would disappoint you not to receive it he then sent a verbal answer he would call early this week & no call or message from him. Dye paid one [text missing] yesterday & the 2d of next month 2 more will be [text missing], but Capt Saltus to whom he assigned the lease called on [text missing] last week about it to tell of Dye's troubles he has gone [text missing] completely & assigned his property the notice in last night's paper for the benefit of his Creditors, but we will be secure of the ground rent. Capt Saltus wants to get the lease renewed to him for Dye but I told him we had as yet come to no conclusion how to do with it. I gave McDonald this morning the \$24 & \$100 more he paid last week which I was in hopes to send this week to you with McKee's but as you may be in want of it thought it had best go at once. I find Bunce will not be back before the fall so am disappointed of sending it by him as I hoped to do the next trip. The premium on bills of exchange is now very high I have left it discretionary with McDonald whether to get one from Goodman who resides here at 4½ or of Mr Edwards at 3½ he will soon be going off & McD thought as there had been failings to the North (but this I believe has only been at Boston to any extent) that it might be better to get one from the persons here as Mr. E. is are from the North, but as I could not think myself as good a judge as a man in business I told McD I would rather he should decide – & while the messages are going back & forth by John I fear I shall lose the Mail to day – Providence permitting I will write this day week again. & if any thing of more than usual importance occurs earlier. Mary & I send

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Yours most Afly
M. L. Beach