

Washington Oct. 2nd 1828

Dr Lin

Since I wrote you last our family has been visited with affliction. Dr Horner & his wife have been removed by death at an interval of but a few days between. The stroke has been heavily felt by me for she was one whom I held peculiarly dear. Her removal has sensibly weakened the tie that bound me to life. Her last scene was that of peace & triumph.

I have been under the influence of a very singular disorder for a week past, caught, I believe in the sick room of Mr H. It affects me at night in every respect like a dysentery & intermits by day so far as to allow me to attend to my ordinary duties. While at its height I administered the Lord's Supper at Pigeon-creek. The joyfulness of the occasion kept me up. Since my system has been relaxed. To day I feel better.

Mr. Scott showed me your letter. Our present calculation is to go together, taking the presidency on our way, which meets Tuesday next at Alexandria. Yet, it is possible, I may postpone my going till after Lyons, (as I should like to see my brethren "in Parliament assembled" once more before I bid them adieu) in hopes that the river

may be by that time navigable for commodi-
ous steam boats.

Do you not know me well enough to know that
in writing to you I would not make use of any
innuendo? I did not suppose that you suspected
me of a disposition to trust my friends on any
other than liberal principles. Nor do I now sup-
pose it. There was nothing improper in your ask-
ing my permission to apply to Mr Scott, yet I
would not have been displeased had you gone
on without giving me any intimation on the
subject. I have no notion that a man shall omit
& perhaps lose an opportunity to serve himself
out of concern for me or his "Alma Mater" either.
Let, therefore, no uneasiness exist between thee & me
on this subject. When I supposed that Mr Scott was
endeavoring to make fair weather with the great
Magician I thought meanly of him for it, but
it was only a transient suspicion in my mind.

Whether I shall go (I mean remove) to Bloomington
is still very uncertain. I will go with the
feelings of an exile, should I go; & with certain
other feelings which I shall not attempt to
describe; for as they have no foundation in
reason I could not make you understand them.
I may be altogether disappointed: but to tell the honest
truth I would about as soon think of going to

The Burman Empire to reside as to Indians.
But it seems that I ought to go see it at any
rate; & go therefore I will, if God permit.

I have nothing very material to write
as I hope before long to see you face
to face. I hope Mrs. W. Guffy knows how
to make mush. This is the time of new corn.
And yours is the country of corn — if not of wine.

Yours sincerely

to H. & M^{rs} Guffy

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6th Oct



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