

Phil^a June 1st 1828

My Ever Dear Maryant

I have only time to write a few lines, being kept very busy in the Assembly. I expect at the close of this week to go to New York & from that to attend the Conventions of New England ministers in Connecticut & Massachusetts, to both of which I have been appointed a delegate by the General Assembly. This will take up 3 weeks. After that I expect to turn my face homeward, & shall feel not a little impatient till the time arrives when I shall, by the blessing of God I hope, be permitted to meet you & our dear children again. Every day will seem a week till the time arrives. In the mean time I pray God to bless you all & have you in his holy Keeping.

I am truly sorry to learn by a letter from Abigail that your father continues so unwell: but I am in hopes that the

pleasant weather which we have
had and attention to exercise may, by
God's blessing, be the means of his restora-
tion to health.

Charge the children particularly Andrew
& William from me to be good & kind
to one another & obedient to you

I am sensible my dear Margaret
that you will have a heavy charge till
I return. But I think it my duty to
embrace the opportunity which I now
have of visiting & inspecting some of
the Eastern institutions before I re-
turn. I shall not allow myself to de-
lay a single hour unnecessarily.

Give my respects to all enquiring
friends particularly your father's fam-
ily, Mr Campbell Mr Pegg, & Mr
McKinnon of family, not forgetting our
good neighbor Mr Cunningham.

Be assured of my unchanging & tender-
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