



Margarette Tyler

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Dear wife

I learn from John Anderson that James Flack a nephew of his and grandson of Dr John Anderson, after whom our Anderson was called, & whom as you know I so dearly loved while he lived & whose memory I cherish, is now with the Rail Road corps of engineers operating at & near Bloomington & my object in writing to you now is that you may employ Redick to find him out & pay that attention to him which is due not only for sake of our friend his grandfather now no more but also on his own account; for from what I learn of him here he is a very excellent & promising youth. His acquaintance may be of advantage to Redick & Anderson, as I firmly believe a blessing from God descends on the children & childrens children of those who fear God according to the commandment to the fourth commandment.

When the engineers are at Orchard young Flack will be among them and may be easily found out & introduced to our family and treated with such kindness as I know you will be disposed to give.

I preached here yesterday, and have been

most kindly treated by the minister Mr Martin and his people. He is about leaving the place however and intends returning, as soon as the river rises, to his former parish in Maryland: this climate not agreeing with him. The mosquitoes are here in such swarms as to make any body sick with their shrill trumpets and bloody sucking probosces. I shall be glad when I get out of their company.

Tell the boys that I think, as the weather is fine it might ^{be} well for them to top the corn on the field nearest home, the fodder will likely be needed for the cattle next winter, & that they especially Anderson would do well to practise on the directions of John Anderson which just now he told me he gave to young Flack. "Work for the highest wages you can get. If you cannot get high wages work for low & if you can get no wages work for nothing - The ice house ought to be cleared of the straw. The saw dust in it should be dried & saved & more got & stored up for use. I think it best not to be at the expense of making a partition of plank round the inside as I once contemplated. Rye straw which can be had in time will answer a better purpose & at much less cost and trouble.

God bless you all & have you in his holy keeping. Your affⁿ to husband J. W. J.