

Tuesday August 24. 1835.

My dear Beloved Husband,

Your kind letter of the 24. reached me yesterday morning. I need not assure you, that I was most happy, to see, to receive a line from you. My Dearest - it was my wish to see, that you rode the first day so comfortably - with less fatigue than you have usually experienced upon the first day of your journey. I was also pleased to hear you reports that the bread & cold chicken tasted good; and hope that you have since found that which tastes equally as good. Be assured my dear I think of you a great deal - both by day and by night - and it would be very strange, if I did not feel some anxiety about you - but I am happy every day in commending you to our common Father, who I trust will protect you and grant you a pleasant journey - and in his own good time return you to me.

I presume, that you will feel somewhat anxious to hear not only from your C. - but from the rest of our household. I am happy this letter reaches you. - Though I have had some lonely hours since you left, particularly nights - yet I have been very well, and with a little extra effort my spirits have been good. You say you think that it had better ask Mr. Stearns to come, and stay with me, or to stay here all the time, as his home. The several reasons I have thought, that it would be better for me, not to ask him to come.

He could not be with me nights, which is the time, when I feel most lonely - and of course most need society - besides he has a great many little things upon his hands just at present, and I that it would appearing - his plans he causes him much trouble to run - however for a short time. He is very kind & will every day, to see if I wish anything - or if he can do any thing for

I wish you much, that I could see you to night, but as I cannot I must be content to see you in the morning. I will go to bed to night to sleep. I am, my dear, your affectionate wife, M. Stearns

me. When he comes, he usually stays two or three hours - and we read English and Turkish together. Mr H. seems very much pleased with this exercise - and hopes to make some progress in the English. Mr Bookman a few days since expressed a wish to the Hass to commence again our recitation together, if convenient for me. And as Mr H. said, that there was now no danger to be apprehended in reference to the plague - from him, I of course had no objection. So yesterday he came again for the first time, and we had a lesson together. Thus having two pupils, and two recitations every day to attend to, besides other duties, does not leave me, as you will perceive, much time to be loitering, in the course of the day. I see Mrs Nisbet and Mrs Hass very often, usually one or the other, or both every day. A day or two after you left, Mrs the little boy was very severely with the bowel complaint. Both the nurse and Martha thought for a while, that it would die. The nurse said, that <sup>it</sup> was caused by giving it two milks, so different as hers, and Mrs Nisbet's. Mrs N. at once took the alarm - has dismissed her nurse, and is now suckling her babe alone.

29 Saturday noon - I left my letter here yesterday P.M. to take a ride with Mrs Hass, to see the Countess, a little while. Found her in low spirits, in consequence of her husband's going away to Icheram. He expects to leave in about two weeks from now. He fears so much to leave his family here, on account of the plague, that he is making arrangements to have them leave about the same time that he does, for Erivan or Tiflis. The Countess prefers to remain here, during her husband's absence - because she thinks that it will be such a task to move with so great a family with

out the Count.

This morn., I awake, I should think about 3 o'clock - with the tooth ache - and the pain was so severe that I could not get to sleep again - and it has troubled me all this morn., until a few moments since, I obtained relief from applying hot ashes to my face & a bottle of hot water to my feet. I know it is nothing uncommon for ladies, sometimes, in the first stages of pregnancy to be sorely afflicted with the tooth ache - thinking that it probably arises from my situation, I try to bear it patiently. I have thought a great deal about you my dear, for the last ten or twelve hours. I fear that you will get sick, or hurt on that something unpleasant will befall you upon your journey. Did I know that you were now well & enjoying yourself I should feel happier. I know that I cannot accomplish any thing by feeling anxious. Therefore I will endeavor to commend <sup>you</sup> with perfect resignation into the hands of Him who I trust will keep you in safety & return you in due and good time. You will not be surprised my dear if I tell you that your mention of our sweet little Charlotte brought a tear from my eye. But I feel with you, that she is far happier now than she could be on earth. You may be assured that I shall follow your advice & be careful that no accident befall me. Still I feel that we must leave these, as well as all other things, particularly in hands of God. We know that our heavenly Father will do what is right & best, with us, & for us.

The servants so far as I can see, do very well. My own <sup>servants</sup> are contented, and my attention to all my wants. Stephen sleeps in the little room beside me - with a club so & kept long for his companion. The horse is thriving finely, and I think improves every time that I ride him. The dog also grows, and sometimes speaks with a good deal of importance. Now what

shall I say about little tabley - I am sure that she is strongly  
increased in stature - but in fondness for my lap & my presence.  
She has become so affectionate, that if I have a book or any  
thing in my lap, so that she cannot secure her seat there  
she at once mounts upon my shoulder, and sometimes  
even ventures to kiss my face. Thus you see we are all get-  
ting on well. Our week has now nearly passed since you left  
my dear - and I shall begin to look for you back in thru or at  
the latest, four weeks more. I know you will come to me again  
as soon as you can - therefore I shall endeavor to make myself  
as contented as possible. To my knowledge, no news  
has as yet arrived from Deborah. Should I hear any thing  
before <sup>my letter</sup> closing this, I will inform you. It is my intention to send  
this to Deborah by the next Chopper for Conat. I do not know  
when it will go, but Mr. Richard is expecting a chopper every day.  
Perhaps it may reach C. before yourself - so I will mention on  
the outside - that if you are not there when it arrives. Mr. Richard  
will please retain it for you.

Last eve. I returned a short time since, from making for Richard  
a little visit found her & her babe & family quite well. I  
had a very good visit with her. - She invited me to come and  
live here - said that their balcony was perfectly at my  
disposal. I thanked her very kindly & told her that I thought  
it was better that I should be here nights. She seemed  
to think that it would not do at all, for me to invite Mrs.  
Heerde to stay here - she was quite sure that my character  
would be impeached immediately, by the persians. And  
I presume that it will be quite as safe & probably more  
respectable for me to remain alone - than to have any gentleman  
company. I shall probably write more before my letter is called for.

Sabbath eve. My dearest husband - Mr. Bristol  
has just sent me a letter from De Pinesh - and would  
that ~~sent~~ <sup>send</sup> a chapter, immediately to Const. I hasten to  
add a line in addition to what I have before writ-  
ten. Mr. directs his letter to you. He says nothing  
about his health - but revealed the secret contained in  
his former letter, it is what we conjectured. Post Mr.  
hopes & fondly expects to come to Galvez soon.  
It is probable that he will be here in a week  
or ten days. I hope you are very well & not only  
enjoying, but profiting by your journey. I think  
of almost every minute. My own health is quite good  
though I begin to feel a little morning sickness, & have  
the head ache more than is usual for me.

I attended meeting to day at Mr. Haas, and dined  
with them. They are all well, & would I  
presume send much love if they knew that  
I was writing. I fear to write any more lest  
Mr. Bristol will send the Tartar without my  
letter. Do come back as soon as you can my  
dear - In the mean time believe me your own

As Post Mr. desires much love to devoted & affectionate  
Dr. & Mrs. Grant & hopes soon to have Charlotte B. Perkins  
the pleasure of personal acquaintance

much love to all your dear party.

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Charlotte Perkins

Rev. Justin Perkins  
To be left at Mr. Leno's

Mr. Leno is not  
at home. Will please  
return this letter for him.