

Santiago de Cuba October 1<sup>st</sup> 1841

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ten May 7<sup>th</sup> nearly five months ago, and as I then, if I recollect  
right, answered two of your kind favors together, makes me an-  
xious, for if it should have miscarried you may fear that some  
misfortune has occurred to me, and so I replied also to an  
article of yours in Jonathan by the same conveyance, and he is likewise  
silent, I am the more inclined to the belief of neither of them having  
got to hand, and I therefore take up the pen to remedy such  
an evil, as well as to have otherwise the pleasing of addressing  
you which is to me much satisfaction

This day twelve months my present  
association will terminate, and this at present my firm de-  
termination not to renew it, but finally to conclude all business  
operations, and to endeavour to pass the remainder of whatever  
time Providence may accord me of life in quiet & tranquillity,  
shall event, as regards the turmoil of commerce, and I shall  
at first proceed to Ohio to make myself especially acquainted with the  
local position of relations there, and to have the great pleasure of  
seeing them after such a long absence, after some stay there to per-  
form perfectly this pleasurable duty, I shall God willing proceed to  
Ireland to spend some time, in the giving myself the great gratification  
of once more remounting those trees so naturally dear to every one it  
is most assuredly

October 31<sup>st</sup>

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and I have been prevented for nearly a month, as you will observe from  
the respective date from resuming the pen during which period two  
packages have arrived from England without a single line from you  
or Louisa, and I begin to fear a calamity, as you have more than  
once alluded to the effects of time, but no, it cannot be from that  
cause from your writing bears the stamp of unshattered nerves and  
I flatter myself with the belief that you are strong and hearty, but  
sickness may have assailed you but in such event I should imagine  
that Cousin Tom had not have failed to advise me, so that I  
console myself with the impression that your letter must have been carried,  
and I sincerely pray that it may be so.

My last letter from Bechemial is under date  
April 24<sup>th</sup> at which period they were all doing well there, and father  
much better than he had been. Bechemial says "I have been very remiss  
in regard to writing to Aunt Martha, indeed when I think of writing  
to her, there seems to be so little matter here that would interest her, that  
the task is a hard one, Uncle William writes to his children, and gives  
them the current information, and it seems that were I to write, it would  
be but a repetition, new or the less I intend to send her a letter ere  
long" now I think that he had a great deal more to write about  
that would be interesting to you than I have, and so I have told him

You must not believe the many falsehoods that  
are published and have done me of regard of the workings of our  
institution of slavery, sound very bad, but neither hunger nor  
cold is experienced by any small human institutions, except in  
certainly, in the hands of bad masters, negroes are to be pitied,  
but there are not many such, and in the hands of good ones  
they are much better off than in Africa, and are more profitably



better treated than they ever were in the British West Indies, and  
probably that may arise from our having scarcely any absentee  
owners, whereas among the English almost all were so -

We enjoy peace and tranquillity in this island  
and expect to continue so to do, and the blessings of plenty are seldom  
withheld, robberies and murders are very rare indeed, and really  
in this quarter I may say almost unknown in fact it is so easy  
to get the necessaries of life, that necessity never goes on well  
here, how happy I should feel if dear Ireland required no more  
effective police than we do, I hope and trust that the measures  
of the Conservatives will be such as to maintain peace with you, as  
they promise very fairly, and I feel sanguine that all they promise  
will be fulfilled, you have much dependence on their good  
intentions and wisdom, and do not think that a Cabinet  
of more talents and energy ever governed the destinies of  
Great Britain, that peace with other nations will be pre-  
served I firmly believe, how they will rid themselves of the  
unfortunate affair of China is hard to say, but most assuredly  
the fault was with us in the origin, and the Chinese have been an hard-  
used people in the matter, let us hope a quick and equitable arrange-  
ment may be made with them, and not more oppression thrust upon them  
without their consent, and against their express law, I trace it from  
one who has been among them that they always confessed that our so-  
ldiers were more skilled in war than they, but that that was no  
proof of higher civilization, which should be judged only of the pro-  
per cultivation of the art of peace and certainly the remark  
appeared to me a very just and correct one  
I enjoy a tolerable state of health



subject to occasional interruption of a nature however not at  
all dangerous and I most sincerely hope that any fear which  
the non arrival of letters from you as it relates to your may have  
given rise to will be proven entirely unfounded by my receiving a  
long one from you by the next packet

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Please to give me the number and address for Cousin Jonathan, and  
remember me to him as well as all the relatives & friends

And believe me Dear Aunt

yo Affk nephew

James Wright