

Santiago de Cuba March 1st 1844

My dear Aunt Martha

I received the other day your very acceptable letter of 19th mo 28th 43, and sympathise with you in the trouble of moving your residence, for really I hold it to be one of the heaviest of the minor miseries of life, and even although the change should turn out pleasing the discomfort of unsetting is at the time of moving not the least felt. I hope you have got rid radically of the polypus, for however we may philosophise to our selves that at our time of life, that we ought naturally to expect ailments, and the trials which flesh is heir to, never the less the afflictions with which we are afflicted are not the least physically felt, and tis with joy and thankfulness that I feel myself rid of the disease of the heart, which troubled me for some months, although I still suffer from a morbid action in the kidney, that is sometimes tormenting though not dangerous. I hope the sweetmeats reached you on your birth day and that you tried their goodness in commemorating it, for we have but few things here rarities with you, to indulge my desire of remembering you therein, perhaps I specime of coppers - we is the most particular of the class of specimen I that we have, and I think if my memory serve I sent you some of them. we are now bankers and agents for two mining companies, for whose account we ship annually about 20,000 tons of ore to Swansea, but we hold no interest at all in the mines our selves acting solely for commission. I do not think that the repealer have any chance of success from insurrection, unless they wait patiently for the diversion of a continental war, and even then although O'Connell might have the mastery with him the intelligence and influence of the country would be against, and that aided by England, would make his succeeding even after a long and bloody struggle, more than doubtful, my own political opinion on that head has somewhat changed of late, and I begin to think that Ireland ought to be self governed, but I dread the carrying thereof by revolution. The view of the Dow-Quart^{er} pleased me.

I have positively determined health as it now is, to leave
here as near the first of April as I can find a direct opportunity to New Orleans
and from thence up the river to Ohio and I have written to Nehemiah to meet
me on the way about as low as Independence, in order to examine the agricultural
prospects in Illinois and Indiana, for I think the family augmenting as it is, is
altogether too much cramped up in Belmont, and that perhaps a purchase
for them of sufficient ground in either of those States, would offer great future
advantage to them and if so I shall see what can be done in the matter.

I have a letter from Nehemiah of 3rd of 9^{mo} - he says "Father is about as
usual indeed better than when I last wrote to thee, he is far from ^{can} melancholy, most
of the time cheerful and lively, but being somewhat deaf is a great inconvenience
to him, Uncle William comes frequently to see him, and stays much with him,
and he is unquestionably the very best of company, and he is perhaps entirely
over the effects of his fall but he seems rather yielding to the infirmities of age,
he is I believe getting along very well, and is a good farmer, and a first rate
manager of his affairs, and enjoys himself well keeping clear of debt or
very nearly so, and was pleased in getting a letter from his daughter Abigail
by this week's mail" and that all the other members of the family are doing
well and in the enjoyment of good health. Do not believe the news paper's
reports of this island, they are all falsehood & got up by faction, we never were
in possession of more perfect peace and tranquillity, with a military and
naval force fully capable of preserving those great blessings, and the
finance of the colony paying all charges thereof and remitting a handsome
surplus to the mother country, you may place implicit confidence in what
I say, for my position is such, that all leading matters are made known
to me, and I do not repose in the confidence that the government knows what
did about, but that I myself know what they know think and do and
confirm my own conclusion from the present time.

I have stated my determination to leave this for Ohio,
where I intend to stop for some time, and then proceed to the Atlantic States,
but much as I desire once more to revisit my native land, I do not feel so
sanguine in being able to effect it, unless my health improved by travel, for
in advanced life with bodily ailment, the quiet of a resting place and the
comfort of it is of vast consideration, and as the probability is that
I may be called back to this within a year, I fear sometimes that I shall
not feel assured of crossing the Atlantic without suffering for it, how-
ever let us hope for the best, and as I shall address you from Ohio
I will then inform how I get on in travelling and of my hopes and
expectations for the future, whether Ireland be the word or not.

Please to direct for me after you receive this.

James Wright

attention of J. P. Burlingame

Philadelphia.

Remain with best love to all relatives
and friends of mine. My affectionate nephew

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