

W. Fairfax Oct^r 29 1805

My Dear Husband I Received your letter
of this month dated 12 and 14. I am very glad
like you so well as you do. As it respects moving
there I hardly know what to say but I think if ever
I was desirous to know what I ought to do I have
been in this case and am pretty well determined
what I think is best if you have no expectations of
spending more than one year on the ~~ff~~ lands I do
not think it best to go but if you think of staying
two or three or more I am very willing and think
it best to go but you are certainly the best judge
how we can live there as to leaving the farm I believe
we might do well enough since the news that you
talked of moving your family began to circulate
I hear of several that want the place your Brother
says he will take it he says he will lay aside his
office and devote himself to the farm either take
it to the halves or hire it I promised him to write
to you about Benj Miller says he would be glad to
take Jock Cammet says he would take it
Sir I saw Robert Crosby yesterday he says he
thinks if you have any idea of moving you had
better come down by all means and see about
letting out your place yourself I expect your
next letter will determine whether to move or
not if you do move I should be glad to know as soon
as possible so as to make as much preparation as
possible by the time you come down I suppose we
could get ready to go by the last of Dec^r or first
of January Saml says he will carry us up for
fifteen dollars and board himself but you know
better what it will cost than any of us but I
suppose the best way would be to go in a sleigh
I leave it altogether with you to say what is best
you know I am generally pleased with what

pleases gods for nothing but my believing you
was called by God to preach and supposing you
you would have a better opportunity to improve
your mind and enjoy yourself better than you could
at home (not having so much worldly care) I say
nothing else could induce me to say I was willing
you should go if you know how much delight
I took in your company you will know how
much I feel my loss I greatly feel the need
of your daily prayers in your family sometimes
I think thus to myself can it be right that
God required it to leave his poor little children
to live without the worship of God as they now
do for was there Mother capable of praying
publicly in her family her worldly ^{care} such it
would be impossible almost always a ~~little~~ babe in her
arms. I want to fill up the sheet but M^r Handy
is waiting for my letter he is going down to the
outlet is going to carry it to put in the post office
the old man has been writing himself I am afraid
you will be tired paying postage M^{rs} Howard
was here yesterday I suppose she will write this week
I think of going over there this evening M^r Saml
Small preacher there he preached at M^r Chalmon
last sabbath I hope M^{rs} Howard will give
you a particular account of the meeting
We are all in good health Sir is in high
spirits he says he will certainly see the school
if he lives Do write immediately after you
receive this letter I did not receive your letter
till last Saturday I began to write last night
but could not finish Do write your mind perfect
ly and freely all you think about moving
I will conform to any thing you think best
Yours affectionately
Betsey Lovejoy