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Norwoods Stanley Co. N.C. 17th July. 1847

My Dear Bro Simmons

Your favor by Hamet is to hand, and you are entitled to my thanks for the additional very satisfactory information ^{concerning} your self, family & affairs. and I hope you & sister and all your kindred family will accept of my most hearty thanks for the friendship and attention you were pleased to bestow on Hamet during his sojourn in your community and let me assure you that no favour bestowed upon me personally could have been more highly appreciated. Hamet says he shall never forget the kindness and attention of you & all your family. he was never more pleased & delighted with any of his relations.

I am not so much attached to the old North State, nor never have been that I cannot force myself away, I have continued here not from choice but circumstances over which I have had no control have held me bound to this country. I now begin to see my way open to remove to any part of the world but a new difficulty presents itself. The past three years have made a great change in my health. I am not now able to undergo any labor or fatigue & to break up with a large family of children would necessarily expose me to more inconvenience perhaps than I could bear.

If I were sure that I could live to settle my family again I would not hesitate to break up. or could I even hope to live I might then try the Experiment. But it would not, or rather it appears highly imprudent to attempt to move altogether, would it not be better to send 4 or 5 hands with a family or two of the negroes to make a grain crop some where in your county where a convenient little farm could be rented in case you should not be ready to go on to Texas when I get there.

I am a perfect green horn on the road I have no idea how to prepare or make convenient arrangements for such a journey. My present feelings are that in a year or two if my health gets no worse I shall attempt the difficult undertaking. Saml having purchased land & determined to go has removed all diffculty from ~~the~~ any unwillingness my family had to move west before - all are now not only willing but anxious that I should set out and make the adventure. And I think all will hardly be any longer willing to remain here - If I have to take with me my step children, that is my two step daughters & their property it will greatly increase my embarassment. They may marry but they say they will not - if I determine to go but they may be left behind - No increase of worldly desire has moved me to even try to change my place of residence.

all my efforts would be for the benefit of my children - here I know they cannot, they will not stay after they grow up.

Their Bro. Hamble being in Texas will urge them constantly to go out to him as being a much better country -

But I cannot write much about this matter, I am lost in the multiplicity of thoughts that present themselves to my mind. The distance, the fatigue, the arrangements, the dangers, the long train of wagons & carts, the children & a thousand other things that I am absolutely overwhelmed.

Write to me and give me such directions, advice & suggestions and though you were certain I would make the attempt - You have more experience about this matter than I have.

My family all join in the sending their best love & good wishes for you & are yours -

Give our love to Sister Abigail Lomas, Robert Barlow and all the other dear children that I have not seen, to Bro. Rubin & Silas

Believe me as ever

Your affectionate bro

J. N. Freedman

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