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at Home March 24th 1857

Dear Mary

I at this moment seat myself for the purpose of answering your last favor that duly come to hand some time since and for you an apology in failing to answer it an early date - but having had much to do with communicating in regard to our family and friends have deferred it to the present moment (which must plead my apology) I have now the pleasure of informing you on the 18th Inst. - your modest present - with another little Miss Julia or Miss - (about which we are undetermined) and is quite as nice as could be expected which is all and every thing that has transpired in our own little circle of any interest - My every thing now a days goes by telegraph - at least with me - I suppose it would be rather new now of much interest to inform you of our Judge Fairbanks wedding that came off on Wednesday night last past at Say's Meeting - Baptist Church - Richland - to Miss Cook - all of that place. Enough of this. Your brother Mat & Jerry are going to school at Richland - under rather favorable auspices - school has some character and I hope for its welfare but would just add by way of information - that so far as I am told - the female school seems not to flourish much in point of numbers - say some 30 perhaps. I am much pleased from time to time to receive so favorable reports of you - or rather the school of our mutual friends Holt & Wear - both as to numbers & doctrine. This argues well for an institution - and whilst I feel a deep

interest in the welfare of all my children I assure you I feel
not the least for yourself - and doubt not for a moment (not-
withstanding I may remind you) that I have any fears of your
failing to prosper under these most favourable auspices.

Apply yourself closely and studiously to your booky -
also observe a respectful deportment to all and particularly to
those under whose care you are placed and ^{at} will in the
end I have recently had my family Laguerre taken - go to the
Sister Georgiana, Louisa, Ann Eliza & self & boys. and have requested
my friend Mr. Montoy when he visits Black Hawk to take you
also - which he has promised to do.

Georgiana over on my few says - Pa - you
write a letter to Sissy and ask her if she did not carry off
in mistake her little pretty dress that aunt Jane Roberts
gave her.

Now that I think of it I must say to you
I have had some fears on the score of the Small-Pox in your
County - but you have with others - certainly - been vaccinated
If you have not taken this precaution by all means have it
done immediately - I learn the disease is still prevailing
near Middletown - and should there be the least indication
of it in your vicinity advise me and you must come home
It is a most loathsome disease - I close by saying to you
to write often. I am ever bound to my friend Wear and
my respects also to my friend Holt.

Yours affectionately
Nathan Sage

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Richman m^{rs} 5
March 27 1850

Miss Mary P. Jones
St. Louis
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