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Letter to Simon Greenleaf

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Andover, June 27. 1843.

My dear Sir, After six months of deliberation, Consultation & suspense the Ohio question is at length settled. We have concluded that in the present aspect of affairs it is our duty to go. In coming to this conclusion we were aware that we should inflict pain upon our friends, but to us the invitation seemed so decidedly a call of Providence that we dared not decline. A great work is to be done at Gambia. Some man from the East must go out to do it. By a train of remarkable circumstances I have been selected as the individual to make the sacrifices incident to a removal from the East, & to throw myself into the breach, & I could not feel myself at liberty to turn a deaf ear to what I was compelled to regard as the voice of my Master. These were not merely my own convictions, but those of Charlotte before I mentioned the light in which the subject appeared to me.

Mr. Fuller had written thus far when company
interrupted him & as it is near time for the mail
to close, & he has begun to talk about me I take
it up to finish. It is true that I never was less in-
fluenced by him on any subject than on this.
I worked it out by myself on Friday, alone,
while he was in Boston, & I cannot but think,
under the direction of that Divine Spirit to
whom I endeavored all last week to commit
the whole subject. To you who believe in His agency
& have taught me also to believe it, I fear not to
say this. I know it is not delusion & I do not be-
lieve you will think so. So far as human in-
strumentality is concerned the addresses of Bp.
McT. & Dr. Boone particularly the latter led me to
the conclusion that I could go, & my feeling ever
since has been one of joy & gratitude that my
Saviour was willing to make use of me in so impor-
tant a field. that he has given me the privilege
of making sacrifices for him, & that he has not called
my poor weak faith to a greater trial. I want you
& another to feel with me in this matter & to gather

up all that is bright & promising in the subject, &
think only of God's goodness, in still allowing us
to remain within a few days journey, & opening
for us a place where we can have so many temporal
comforts & enjoyments. Mr. F. has asked the canon

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cal consent of the parish for his removal after
the 7th of August as we wish to be in Cambridge at
the commencement of the term in Sept. We shall
write again as soon as the parish have acted
upon his request. Mr. F. is unwell with the prevailing
influenza & Abby is sick with it - unable to sit up when