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My Dear friend

your kind letter I received on the second the
communication you make me of your residence being in our
neighborhood and that you are more agreeably situated in a great
pleasure to me we can meet more frequently and converse on
the subject of our great Almighty Father that has diffused his
Dewy light so liberally over our Country, whome we were more
thankfull and kind to each other, I am pained that that in
the space of half a year after raising the salary of Miss Bards
for her good Conduct she should have been permitted to leave
us without an Acknowledgment, a Society of Ladies how careful
they are to be not to risk a sentence, let us my friend govern
our minds from better feelings we are directed in Holy writ to
cultivate that best of ^{virtues} ~~Charity~~ Charity, and we whose sole motives
the Care of the Orphan Child.

I have passed the ^{Chippewa} Mississippi up to the falls of St
Anthony nine teen hundred miles from Pittsburgh loaded with fine
wood and soil for the Country for the poor, these prayers are like
a flower garden many flowers we cultivate and the soil so free from
stones and thorns that one ploughing the seed can be put in
one dollar and twenty five cents per acre, for those that have
the means of improving in Literature, my Eliza has been agitated
in mind. I hope in few days she will be enabled to go to

to the Wisconsin on its opposite Shore the Indians
have their possessions my Heart aches for them sullen with history
doing them every injury - what sin as a nation have we not to
repent of, I shall remain un till September in this Country

Let me my good friend let me hear how the finances
of our Society stand, and what Improvements in the Work ^{place} have taken

My Idea as to the Accommodation in case of Susan for
my daughter was to have hired a portion of one of the Buildings as
to have paid liberally so that it would not have been a disadvantage
to the Society, a part of the former house was let as a Store and there
must have been persons going to and fro during the yellow fever
I hope our city will be well, I am in good Health Remember me to the
Ladies particularly my Sister Lady M^{rs} Clibourn and Dr^{ss} Ralph Price
burn this yours with the greatest affection C. Hamilton

July 11 1837 Helena



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