

Savannah Sunday February 18th 1839

How can I repay you dear Aunt Becky, for all the happiness which your sweet letters give me. They always carry ^{me} back to my loved home, & like the dews of Heaven refresh & vivify all my most cherished associations & memories, from dear Aunt Hays' calm resigned countenance to little Frank & Mary in their highland plaids each familiar form in review is brought before me "in the loveliest tints they wear" and then dearest Aunt you speak so sweetly & so kindly of my own beloved one that my eyes glisten with tears of joy, whilst my heart bears witness to the truth of all you say, & I only wish that you did not know him as I do & you would indeed think me blest — I am glad to hear that you have found so much pleasure in listening to Mr. Cumbe's Lectures & hope that he may reach his way as far South as Savannah, that we may profit by his instruction in my favorite science, for I fully

agree with him who says the chief study of man-
kind is wrought to be man. My husband & myself
have been delighted with Mr Buckingham's
Lecture on Palestine, his descriptions of the
Land of Promise were so beautiful that I
look upon it with more longing eyes than ever,
& then he illustrated some of the passages in
Scripture most beautifully. perhaps I was
more pleased with him than I otherwise
would have been, by his reminding me of
our favorite Washington Irving, in his style
& manner of describing places & things that
he had seen, & he says that there can be no
more convincing proof of the Inspiration of
Moses, than the accurate & graphic picture
that he drew of the Promised Land, its pro-
ductions &c, when you know he was not
allured to see it near enough to judge by
his own observation. I was very sorry to hear of
dear Uncle Ben's accident, but from the
account you give of it, it is fortunate that it
proved no worse. It makes one tremble,
to think of the dangers to which travellers are

I am writing in quite a dark room, for Cecilia is suffering with one of her spring attacks, so you must excuse my writing - Doctor Minis is her physician & I am very much pleased with him. in this character, he is as attentive as possible, & then so kind & gentle to his patients that he quite reminds me of my own favorite Doctor, - Give my love to dear Becky & Sara - tell them I wish they would chose a Spring hab. for me

My husband has been sent for from Georgetown to attend to some cases at the Spring court, so he will leave me after dinner for a few days - He sends much love to Aunt Cecily & I am most willing to share it with one so - to me as my very often good self he sends love to the family - I am in the hope of returning

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I will leave it entirely to their united tastes. I don't wish it particularly to be of sham, but of any kind suitable for a summer climate, & not too perishable, & let them send it by the first vessel. - I am glad to hear that dear Aunt Hays has gone to Sara. Give my love to Papa, Uncles, Aunt Elting & all of the families & a kiss to sweet Frank & Mary for their cousin Minnie