

Wheeler Saturday night
Oct 26th -

My Dear Ann

Your affectionate concern, when
you parted with us, after the freight was
so unpleasant on your countenance, that
I have thought of it a thousand times since
and regretted that my pleasant visit to you
should have terminated with such a scene.
I wrote from Keaysville, to tell you that all
had gone on well, the first day of our journey -
we had a pleasant party - but indeed I had
left too much behind - to enjoy even Mrs. Orce al-
ways agreeable conversation, and could not volun-
tarily myself to recall her efforts - on the same night
we got on board a very good boat, and arrived
here about 10 o'clock last night. I cannot say
we formed any persons among the passengers
to interrupt our meditations, so we took to our
books - or talked over our Lexington friends
The weather was delightful, and the river in fine
order, "the Centurion" was the first large boat that
came up, so we gained in every way by not
leaving you earlier, and I assure you my dear
Ann, my heart is full of grateful recollections

of every days kindness experienced from you
and each of my dear Brother's family - I love
the dear boys for many traits of character that
I had not before an opportunity of knowing. I
look forward for nothing but increase of hap-
-piness to you all - we leave Wheeling to-morrow
morning, expecting to get to Cumberland in time
for the boats on Wednesday morning, & to reach Wash-
-ington the same evening - tell my dear Mary she
shall have the first letter from me after I get
home. I hope when she & her mother are always
treated together, they will seek their pleasures
and occupations so as to contribute to each other's
happiness - and that you will find them cheerful
& agreeable neighbours -

This place exhibits a scene of active business
boats constantly arriving & departing - loading &
unloading soldiers marching - military troops
& regiments - with all the usual tumult of an
excited population - I saw & I walked about
the town & hills this morning - I have had ample
amusement since looking on "the busy world"
be met a party of Philadelphians going to N. C.
last evening from whom we heard of our friends -

Practical my dear love; to my dearest brother
and to my nephews - my Mary and the



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Mrs Benjamin Cook
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