

*Dear Father
Stephen*

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New York
Camillus
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Retica 15th Jan 1846

Dear Children

I Recd Your Letter & Cara sent
me also a letter same time since saying that
You would leave about the middle of Feb & under
these circumstances I know not what to advise
You to do Should Mr Wood determine to continue
the Ministry as things are now he will have
better to bow to Slavery or he will be
compelled to leave the ministry as he will
not be able to find a Church of the Presb
byterian or Congregational order that will
employ him if he is determined to preach the
whole truth and against every sin & I have
never heard he would ~~beg~~ than go with a popular
& wicked public opinion

Should he determine on continuing the ministry
I think he ought to go to Bridgeport as they
have dismissed their minister & are looking for
another as You will see by the enclosed letter
of Mr. Fred. Brown which will show you the state
of affairs there if I had my ^{affairs} adjusted
as I expect I shall have by next post I would
hast to You that it would be best for you to
come to Retica but as it is at present I do not
know as it would be best yet I should be
glad to see You on the subject

We are now well I have been quite round
for 2 or 3 weeks altho I have lost but 3
days Mrs Merrill & all our friends are well
I should by chance to be at your place
on Tuesday next but it will be out of my
power to come Your Mother sent that she can
not come this winter I hope you will come
as you hinted in the words written

Has Mr. Morse exposed the abomination
of the Baara of Cows for foreign Missions
to his church with regard to Organic sin
if he has not I hope he will let the
consequences be what they may for I do
feel that the idea that Organic sin is less
sinful than individual sin is a wilfull
perversion of the truth & that that man
more will cheer his garments by exposing
the abomination

Respectfully your father

A. Lyman