

Utica 23^d Dec 1844

Dear Chordam—

I was surprized to learn on the Receipt of your letter that you proposed to leave your present situation & to remove to the West I have believed for some time that you would have to abandon the ministry on account of your health as I am well aware that preaching does not agree with your constitution but to remove to Indiana or any other part of the western country I fully believe will not conduce to your health & happiness or usefulness if you intend to continue in the ministry I am sure there is as great a moral waste in this vicinity as there can possibly ^{be} at the west or another Indiana and if you wish either the consent of Mrs Seymour or myself to such a proposition I suppose it will be very difficult to obtain it as we have many cogent reasons why we could not be induced to give it you must remember we have but two daughters which are very dear to us & to have an remove so far from us that in all probability we could not in our present situation visit him but the change of climate cannot be for the better but for the worse & I have no doubt the the hardships & the unhealthy climate would fatally unfit you for the ministry

The Apples arrived safely & as one very thankful
for them

besides the prospect of doing Good is as great
here as at the West taking in to consideration
Your health & many other things which I cannot say
are proper much better and as for obtaining property
I hope You will always have just what is neces-
sary & no more I shall You still persist in Your
views I hope You will take one precaution
viz to leave Your family & go Yourself that
You may satisfy Your self which You may do
by staying in 6 or 12 months till You are
better able to judge not only as to Your rise
sickness & all other advantages.

Our feelings are such that we cannot well
describe them

We had not heard from Susan but once
since she left I suppose You have letters from
her we enjoy Good health & plenty of business
I mean to be faithful to my Master

Mrs Randall is now very sick so we
will that she ~~will not~~ was not expected
to live last night but is today better

Mrs Fyfe hopes she will yet recover

You have probably heard of the death of Mrs
Fanny Skinner which took place about 2 weeks
since

I have a great many things to say on the sub-
ject of Your leaving but I have not time now
I shall defer it till another time

Your Father

A. Saph. Furman