

Alme Pamen Weston.

Dear friend,

Mother has shown me  
your letter to her & I am  
quite surpris'd at part  
of it. I am not conscious  
of ever having any feeling  
against S. F. because he  
is a freeman and am  
therefore quite a Whig  
Why you should dwell  
on that point or even  
refer to it, will you  
not favour me with  
an explanation;

I hope I am not misunderstood  
about the manner in which  
I wrote to you. I did not  
mean to say any thing  
but what I felt, and only  
made any apology because  
my style to familiar  
friends is not the same  
as to those who know  
less of the facts.

Have you decided that  
S.S. should be invited?  
Does not the pressing  
want for money on the  
part of the American  
West deter you from

21. or do you think it  
will keep to fill its  
meaning?

I hope you will not  
write for him at once  
if you have not, but  
take more time to  
think of it.

We are a distance a tho'  
not bound by what you  
do are before the public  
implically there as  
responsible as if we had  
been consulted or had  
given our consent.  
say by Studer's

My dear Mother  
I have been thinking  
of you very much  
and wondering how  
you are getting on  
I hope you are  
well and happy  
I am well at present  
and hope these few  
lines will find you  
the same. I have  
not time to write  
you more at present  
but will write again  
soon. I love you  
very much and am  
your affectionate  
son  
John Smith

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