

Cherry-Grove Nov 13<sup>th</sup> 1837.

My Dear Cousin,

I received your letter on the 13<sup>th</sup> it was a week coming, the Post office is in a wretched state the spells come in sometimes once and sometimes twice a week, I have enjoyed myself very much and the Governour says that I have gained 10 pounds but I think he stretches it a little, The children are very good natured but very poor scholars, neither of them can read better than Lizzy, the elder sister expects by her talk that I shall see that they study evenings, and I must make them go to bed, The Governour is a fleshy and jolly old man being 63 years old he says he will not be Gov. another year, the house is full of company the whole time and last Thursday we had the Gov. of Arkansas with a few others to dine, the cousins of the Veazey's were very much taken with me (so they said), and invited me to come and see them, the Gov. of Arkansas's name is Fulton he is now a member of Congress, and he has a son named History, After the ladies had retired to the parlour, Mrs. Veazey said that some free black could not visit them because she had forgotten her free papers, one lady said that it was strange that free blacks could not get along when there was so many slaves that ran away and she thought that some of these abolitionists must give them the papers, and then they told stories of abolitionists getting slaves and denying it I felt rather bad to sit by and hear them talk but was forced to hear it, they said I suppose you have no slaves in Massachusetts, and wished they had never seen one

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one of the Children said that her Father told all his slaves he would give them their freedom if they would go to Africa but they said that they would rather have a white master here than a black one there. I did not think they had ever heard of abolitionists for they talked of the attempt to destroy the planter in Louisiana where it was said that one of the slaves had about him a letter from the friend Arthur Tappan urging him to the act. They talked of the insurrection but did not mention St Tappan

We go to Annapolis in about three or four weeks or somewhere about that time as the Gov. has to be there the last Monday in December. I expect to have a very pleasant winter as far as balls and parties can make it for the Gov. has his house full all the time, and all the young men about Annapolis say that are going to Annapolis. May the grown up daughter has described some of them to me which by her talk I find that a Col Cohen a rich Jew is among the principle he is a relation of the Beeths-child.

Mrs Reed I found was acquainted with Uncle Howland and Cornelius, and she asked me what town I lived in, and on my telling her, she inquired if I was acquainted with Dr Fipels and his wife said she was well acquainted with Mrs Fipels and I wished to ask her what her name was before she was married but did not know whether it would be proper

I do not think that there is any danger of my liking slavery. I think that here is slavery in its mildest form, the slaves are treated well according to the planters way of treating well, they have enough to eat and drink and are clothed comfortably but for all that if it is bad enough Mrs Yeagey says that they have five and every one of them have had children before they were married and I do



not know whether they are married now or not, There  
is one about seventeen that is going to have one but  
the family think of it only because it detains her  
from work, as niece of the Governor says that after  
they have treated them so well to have them before  
so is to providing, Miss V. herself who seems to be very  
kind says, (in speaking of one of the black girl steady  
that she had whipped her till the blood came, I  
would never have any one tell of the slave being well  
treated, The minister preaches that God is no respecter  
of persons yet he never thinks of the slave I will  
warrant it.

Thanksgiving will be soon with you, I should  
be very happy to be with you, I have always spent the  
afternoon at your house ever since I can remember  
I do not know whether the Gov. is going to approve  
a day or not I saw in the papers a request that he  
would, I saw in a Philadelphia paper that Miss Grimké  
a talented Carolinian girl was lecturing in Worcester, and  
the Worcester paper says that she will make with her bright  
eye more slaves than she will ever emancipate,

I expect next summer if I am here to have one or  
two more scholars the Gov. is going to take them to board  
but I dont know as I shall ever make his two children  
learn anything, they all tell me I must whip them  
and if they do any thing to trouble them in the house  
they wish me to take them over to the school house and  
make them learn a lesson or keep them in after the  
school hours. Write as soon as possible as the letters are so  
long going and coming, Give my love to all my friends,  
your affectionate cousin  
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