

(last letter to P)

Burke

March 23<sup>1855</sup>

Dear granddaughter

I presume you think it very  
 straining I have not written  
 you before I have excused  
 myself on account of poor  
 health and trembling hand  
 but I will do the best I can  
 thinking you are not a critic  
 to day I am feeling a little  
 better it is very difficult for  
 me to use my left arm my  
 right one is considerably  
 affected I live in hopes if I can  
 pull through untill the weather  
 is warm I shall improve I  
 mean my health

Last night at 20 minutes  
 past 8 oc we had a shock of  
 an earthquake