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My dear Friend,

I waited all day yesterday in expectation of receiving a letter from you or Mary, and should have been very uneasy lest sickness had prevented, if I had not received one from Samuel dated on the 19, in which he informed me that Gibb had not been at Burlington on that week, probably on account of the badness of the travelling - this circumstance has given me room to hope that you and the family are well which I pray may be the case. Samuel writes me that he should return home in the course of a week or two from the date of his letter, that his health was good, but that it had been rather sickly among the students. I expect he will be at home previously to the receipt of this letter. Fearing that he might not have money enough by him to bear his expenses home I yesterday wrote to him (at Burlington) and enclosed a five dollar bill; which letter, if it does arrive before he leaves Burlington, he would do well to send for by Gibb, as it is probable the postmaster there may neglect to forward it by the mail.

I wrote to brother Carlin about the pork I mentioned in my last letter to you, and doubt not he will supply you with what you may think necessary, I should suppose at least 300, <sup>lb</sup> and perhaps more, & I enclose you twenty five dollars, for the purpose of paying for it & for your butter - I would have sent you more if I had it on hand - but will soon forward more - I wish you would inform me how you get along - and whether you are supplied without difficulty with meal wood &c.