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Bridgeton, Nov. 6th, 1818.

My ever dear Brother,

Your kind letter of the 31st came safe to hand, it awakened all those pleasing sensations, ~~which~~ which I always experience, in the perusal of your epistles. You kindly enquire how I am pleased with my situation? I will try to answer your enquiries, but shall fall infinitely short in the attempt of describing to you, how highly I am pleased, I need not attempt to tell you why I am happy as your own residence here will explain the cause.

You wished me to write you the state of the school, there are 29 Schollars, 8 of whom are ladies; but perhaps you not only wished to know the number of Schollars; but how they flourish =ed, I will answer this question if we do not improve it is our own fault.

Your good Brothers and Sisters here are all well except the Misses Beemans whose health is much the same as when you were here, they desire to be remembered to you. I have spent one evening at Mr Adrews since Pappa was here, they desired me to thank you for the love you sent them, and return theirs to you.

Last Monday evening I visited the Ladies who board at Mr M's I am pleased with those Ladies they are fine girls. Miss Rawson wished me to present her love to you.

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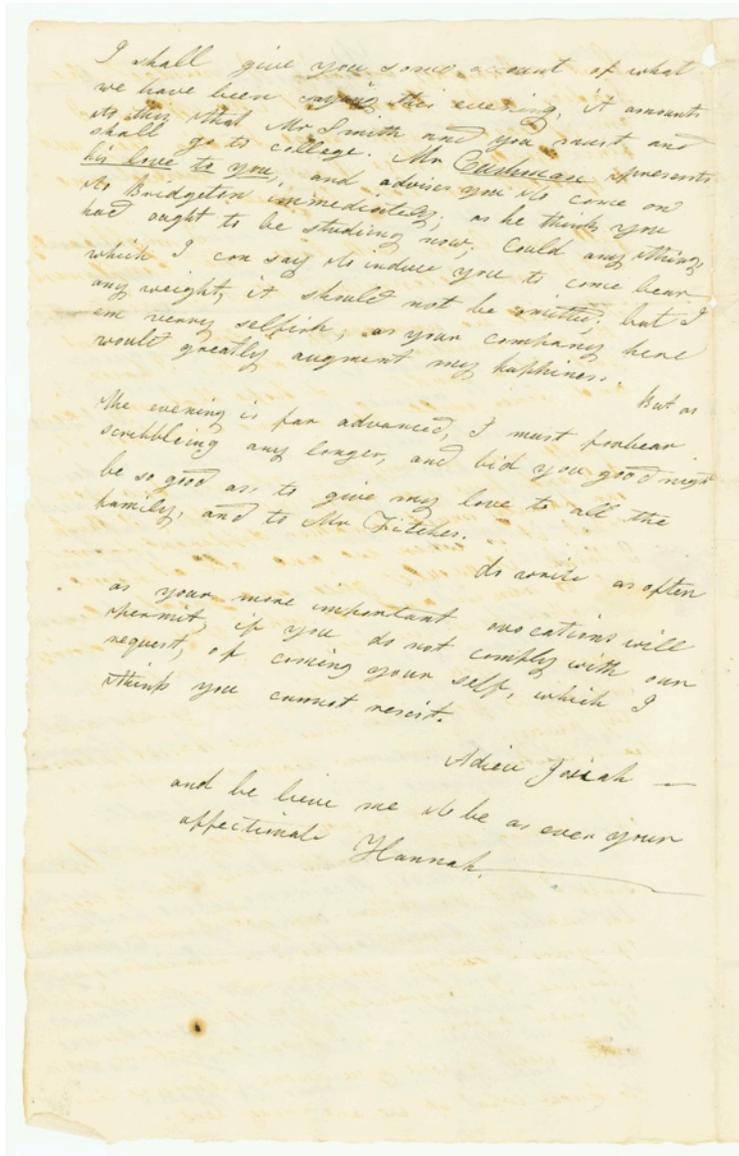
I will now in my turn ask you how you do? and how you enjoy yourself? I think our family must be rather different from what it is when we are all at home. I think it would give me great pleasure to run in and see what you are doing these fine evenings; but I can easily imagine you are reading, the girls are listening to you, and thus time passes pleasantly away. I must now leave my writing as tea is waiting.

It is now so long since I left off writing that I hardly know where to begin. since I left my letter our good brother Smith has made us a visit, as he is a particular friend of yours I always see him with additional pleasure. I congratulate you on the possession of such a friend, as I know of nothing which ~~would~~ will afford you more pleasure than to know what we are saying here;

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I shall give you some account of what we have been saying this evening, it amounts to this that Mr Smith and you must and shall go to college. Mr. Cushman presents his love to you, and advises you to come on to Bridgeton immediately; as he thinks you had ought to be studeing now. Could any thing which I can say to induce you to come bear any weight, it should not be omitted, but I am verry selfish, as your company here would geatly augment my happiness.

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The evening is far advanced, I must forbear scribbling any longer, and bid you good night be so good as to give my love to all the family, and to Mr Fitcher.

Do write as often

as your more important avocations will permit, if you do not comply with our request, of coming your self, which I think you cannot resist.

Adieu Josiah —

and be lieve me to be as ever your affectionate

Hannah—————