

than consent to her going, I would have done myself under similar circumstances. Tho you may easily suppose how sensible I feel their absence

William remains with us. John left us in October. William is engaged for the winter months as an assistant to Mr Whitney not to practise but in his school to teach arithmetic which will qualify him to go into a merchants counting house in the spring; which he is very desirous of doing, if business should revive and peace continue. William is an amiable modest engaging youth, and I hope and trust will make his way through the world with honor and integrity; through the unsuspecting credulity of his Father he has been placed in a perilous situation, and his Father deprived of the means of supporting himself and Family, nor can he hope or expect to be any way employed under the present administration, he has therefore pursued the wisest course left him to follow, withdrawn to the wilderness, there with his own hands and by the sweat of his brow, determined to earn his bread, may success crown his honest endeavours, he appeared in good spirits, pleasant & happy, and assured me that he did not feel a wish to quit his situation.

I have had a very large family through the summer. Seldom less than twenty two, and you know to whose lot it falls to provide for, and attend to them. I have been blest with more health than usual; and have enjoyed my family as much as I could consistent with the anxiety & care for their future subsistence.

I ask not why the world has dealt thus hardly with us, we have lived in perilous times, and tho we reap not the full harvest we have earned, I trust future generations will feel the benefit of the sacrifices we have made; and do justice to the memory of those, who have suffered much, and endured much for their benefit.

I rejoice that you have a kind sister, and that you can be mutually beneficial to each other. I hope she has quite recovered her health from the dangerous sickness which threatened her life and that she will not be ungrateful of the hand which healed her. The world looks very different to ^{us} when surrounded with its pleasures and allured by its temptation, to what it does when the world of spirits opens to our view, then all things and objects are as nothing before us.