Sand Hill 3d day 11mo/21. 1837
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On first day, the 19th — on which we broke camp in the Southern Quarter was remarkably interesting & lively, bothering, public meeting at Holly Spring in the morning; & a good one well attended by friends & some others in the afn. In the latter I found it laid on me to give an answer to the question, Why am I a quaker? I hope it was a useful time to the numerous thinking & consistent young people — a very simple poor — who attended the meeting. In the Eve. we held a reading meeting at our kind friend Sarah Banks's where we lodged. Yesterday was also a good day. A meeting with Friends & others at Bethel, in the woods in the morning; & a very relieving public meeting at Abbersaph, in the Court House, in the aft. We slept at Jos. Elliott's hotel where we were kindly entertained gratis — & have held a good & large meeting this morning at this place. I have been remarkably low every morning before the appointed exercise of the day; but I believe this experience is needful to prepare for a fuller & more powerful service than would otherwise be come at. I cannot expect low, kind & liberal the Lord has been towards in so bestowing his own help & anointing. Never did I so fully feel its value — & never was I more alive to the comfort as well as safety, of keeping under it, dependent upon it, & within its limits. May this precious entrance to be experienced! May I know it feel this matter more & more. I am remarkably little disposed to any kind of subordinate service, yet now — my simple business seems to be to preach the everlasting gospel of my Holy Redeemer to the simple, the weary, & the faint. May I be respecting myself as often at neither a low able; yet never quite benighted — I humbly trust the Lord will fully prepare me for death, notwithstanding my painful instabilities & temptations, & conflicts; & all I ever merit to know of a certainty, that I am really study His forever. O joyful thought! In the mean time quietness & tranquillity of mind continue.

Mt Pleasant Marlboro 11mo/24

A solemn meeting at the house of Sand Hill on 3d day Eve. Fourth day, good meetings at Back Creek, & at Nixon Hadley's in the evening — visiting dear old Dr. Nixon, on his sick bed, & at the dinner hour. Much pleased with the company of Christian Nixon — a young elder his instruct. Yesterday after a long drive; a large & good meeting was held at Marlboro. In my low estate, I was there refreshed & comforted by dear old Nathan Hunt's company & cordial unity — also by a precious letter from a friend of Philad. Nothing could be more more timely than this help by the way.