I feel encouraged to hope that my way for service is again opening - & that bodily as well as mental strength will be given. Help thy poor servant O Lord! Let my shoes be iron & brass, & as my day is, so let my strength be!". What ability thus it will be shall I be carried safely through another year's pilgrimage, & then be restored to my own, in peace! In the meantime - I do desire to be clothed with entire tenderness & meekness towards opposers, & to dwell, walk, speak, in the life of the Spirit of my God - to minister only of the ability which He gives & to render unto Him, all the glory.

Southbury 7th Day 5 mo 4. 1839

Dear Phila Griffen was led, in a tender offering to express her belief that this would be the case as to my accomplishing my mission & returning home in peace. Thus the Lord condescends to comfort me with a testimony on testimony - witness on witness to his gracious designs towards one of the very poorest & weakest of his children. Under a feeling of some continued bodily indisposition & of unusual poverty & barrenness of spirit, it is difficult to me to believe much that is good or happy respecting myself - but I am quiet still, & will endeavor to trust in the Lord. By this do I know that thou favourest me, because mine enemies do not triumph over me! The Pu. meeting at Purchase held on 4th day, after the last sitting was to me a time of much religious exercise - lasting from 11 to about 4. I was much engaged in ministry in the first meeting - with the necessity of unparalleled & comprehensive views of divine truth - My companions & services were recorded as "truly acceptable" - a short sitting not hard to the women's meeting. Aft. Dog at Rich. Mott's. 5th day - Public meeting - well attended - & the tide, tho long wanted for at length rose abundantly - "Eat the fat, drink the sweet &c" After dining at Wm Carpenter's we were conveyed by that a very kind brother to Stuyvesant - public meeting at Cobb's large & satisfactory. "Ye will not come unto me that ye might have life". The country picturesque - & weather delightful - Cities need sleep in tenebris, to the beautiful Croton valley, the residence of our aged friend Moses Sutton, where we slept - Fine prospect of the Croton &c from a neighbouring hill - pleasant drive in 6th day morng. to Amenia - large mixed congregation & a very good meeting - "The palaces shall be forsaken" Even the Huksters acknowledged it to be the Good old doctrine, but some saw that Christ was forsaken. Dined at Abm Underhill's & came