

Also request your wife write - as we are very
anxious to hear from you. I desire much to
know how you are. I hope you are well & happy.
I am, & hope you are the same. I am, & hope you are the same.
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My very dear Cousins 3

Feeling you near to my best feel-
ings this afternoon, will try to con-
gratulate a little in this way, as all other
is denied us. I had long been waiting
cousin Margaret for an answer to
my last written a long time ago -
but accidentally hearing that those
had been suffering with the eyes
in some way, thought I would
wait no longer, as I often feel a
desire to keep up family correspond-
ence, but now not so desirous in re-
plying that I fear to intrude too
often. In that now not not like my
dear Mother who wrote regularly af-
ter she left South River as if we
had been her children, as many
letters preserved by us will testify.

And now to you both let me pre-
sent our near sympathy in the re-
moval of your eldest son, of whose
death we were so long ignorant. &
whose respectful & thoughtful con-
duct to this cousin Margaret. When
you were with us, we often remem-
bered after you left - rendering
him such a suitable & kind com-
panion when there were afflicted
with sickness far from home - as
well as for his other apparent
good qualities. I should like to