

quite relieved my mind, both as to those hands and that letter. Richard must have been pleased to think the letter worthy of Mr Worrall's perusal. I would not think it quite so safe from criticism as with Mr Buck or Richard either, though I believe Mr Worrall is a very good friend of mine. There was one remark concerning himself which I am afraid would have made him a little vain. And now I think of it please tell Mr Worrall that I have a space <sup>in my album</sup> reserved on purpose for his photograph. Tell Richard I feel greatly indebted to him for his kindness always, for attending so cheerfully <sup>and promptly</sup> to my little "notions". That letter was not as neatly and correctly written as I usually write to Mr Buck, for I was being hurried all the time to go to the "Hall". His letters are always so neat, but I must quit writing so much about him. — I went over to Mrs Blattenauer this morning to get the candy. I left a plate full for the children. They are all convalescent. Nearly every member of the family is more or less complaining. Lotie & Fannie both have the mumps. I was very much pleased with what Collier said of Annie's friends Misses Hughey and Shroef. I have heard the latter very highly spoken of by some relatives here. I was pleased because they are older than Annie, as such companions are more improving. I would love to be with you all now. Sister Fanny and Mother will go about the 1<sup>st</sup> of May to brother

Ed's. Mother will stay there till about the last of June. Sister Fanny will stay a week with Ed, and they have both concluded it will be best for sister to come to Hovington alone as she will want to "gad around" and Mother will want to stay home, so one or the other would be minus your company, I suppose. Ed would take Mother any time she wished to go to Hovington. Mother will then be with you when Annie returns home. and then the <sup>you</sup> children can all come up with her to spend the summer. — We shall be very much pleased with a visit from our liberal cousin Anna. I wish you would thank her for us all for the good things she has sent us. There is no one here who appreciates it more than I do, as I can never become satiated with either the syrup or sugar. Mr B. is regretting every day that the syrup is all gone. It "went like hot cakes", though sister did try to make it last as she boiled some of it over which I turned to sugar. I was pronounced by all the best ever tasted "in these parts". As some substantial <sup>token of my</sup> appreciation I intend making each of my Garrison female cousins a nice collar as soon as I get through with my Spring sewing. I only say this here to satisfy you. — We had Sarah Herbert here Friday & Saturday. They received a "drop letter" from Pendleton Keith lately. He is Comensary in the 3<sup>d</sup> I believe and Charles <sup>Herbert</sup> in the 4<sup>th</sup> so they have frequent communi-