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My dear Parents,

My letter to you was forgotten, the last time the Dr. went to the Turpentine farm & as the Dr & I are going to call on a sick neighbor & I have a few leisure moments before the horses are ready I devote them to you.

I will not send the papers I spoke of as I see the New York Observer gives a very concise account & the Editors remarks are excellent on the late attempt at insurrection. You will readily perceive how very anxious (I speak ironically) the slaves are to be liberated, when the few that joined "Brown & Co" were compelled & one who would not was deliberately shot I wondered what his dying thoughts of freedom were. You ask perhaps what will be the result? I tell you what I think, vigilance committees will be formed, every Northerner man or woman will be closely watched & if heard advancing incendiary sentiments let him or her be certain to take the first Northern-Express train. This is the great good the "philanthropists" have accomplished in addition to opening the African slave-trade. It is my opinion the leading abolitionists of the North, were well aware of the movement, Northern Ohio seems to have been the ground for concocting the work, it seems to have been the will of the God, that the scheme should fail, however much his majesty may have differed in opinion. But enough of this, we are going to take some of your apples to a sick lady & I expect the carriage is ready.

The Dr. sends his love,

Yours

Sarah