

Burlington March 5th 1822

Dear Brother

I this moment rec^d a mess-
age from you by the bearer of this note
informing me you wished to see me on business
I would obey the summons immediately if
it was in my power to do so but we have a
great quantity of sickness here at this time there
is scarce enough well to tend them my oldest
daughter has been at her grandfathers for some
time my youngest has had a severe attack of
scarlet fever. Catharine has been very sick also
I am not well owing to fatigue and loss of sleep
our sister Mary Jandy is also sick she has lost
her two daughters within the last few days and her
last child and only son is in the adjoining room
almost breathing as it were his last I think he
will not be alive until tomorrow morning
so fatal is the disease in this country that it sweeps
whole families of children and you can hear the
hammers of persons engaged in making coffins both
day and night my family is convalescent at
this time I will try and come to see you next week
if nothing happens I will be there on Tuesday or
Wednesday next

Yours &c

~~John C. ...~~