My Dear Friend,

You will somehow consider me and a good correspondence. I should have answered you long ago, had I supposed my letter would be as much as the postage due to the advice you gave. I have one or two sensible persons would be better than my letter. When people say they can't be good, then tell them they must be left. There is no alternative. If you were a brother, would not you be so reasonable to him? They were justified. The man invited to the feast was made a judge & said I cannot come; he was restrained. But how do they not do their duty? He only because they did not choose it. This it with all sinners. His life without grace separates them from their God & nothing else. Their kindness & darkness are only the effects of their wickedness of heart. As a boy's ignorance in a good school is the effect of an inattentive, bad disposition. What is the essential difference between a good man & his formerly? He loves what he once hated; he has another heart, a new heart. The Bible is full of this. How your friend instead of his wickedness appears & in what it consists, I then tell them to repent or be left; the choice is theirs. If they say the Holy Spirit is necessary, tell them that their obstinate wickedness alone make the Holy Spirit necessary.
You have a boy, a fine little fellow Trust; I send to give my love to him & give him the enclosed to be his guardian I send him some sheep or something else to be in bank to justify him with a few books when he is a little man. When he is 14 send him here & we will treat him better than we did his father.

I hope God blesses the labor of your hands & the designs of your heart. Remember absolute dependence—that all comforts come from God; that therefore the only way of obtaining felicity is to please God. This is much immortal in the nature of things to be happy without pleasing God, as it is to create ourselves without him.

We have been friends; our people are affectionate, the world your comfortably with us. We have three daughters, a little four months &; Polly remembers you. We almost despair of ever seeing you or your beloved companion; but all of us are most affectionately yours as well as yours devoted friend. Elijah Parish.