

Oxford Mass  
August 23<sup>d</sup>

Dear Father

You are extremely anxious  
to hear from your home, several letters  
to you but never received any reply,  
I heard from Brother Tom a few  
days since and well & entering of  
interest in the election of Chap.  
I hope your crisis has been about  
the 30<sup>th</sup> of this month or less  
to leave on the 1<sup>st</sup> of September  
for Lebanon - I don't like  
the idea of being behind my  
class, the omission of my paper  
in Lebanon is a material loss to  
my furtherance which at Lebanon  
I am constantly in comparison with  
ours of intelligence, worth and  
legitimacy thereby giving  
our friends as useful information  
by keeping their company  
then I am deprived of that

pleasures and another thing  
Board is very high at this  
place & considerable fare  
I would be extremely glad  
if you would make some  
arrangements for my leaving  
here for Lebanon - that is  
if you don't intend coming  
shortly, I have been here nearly  
two months, I goe for soap  
Board & washing - I have been  
very stingy & parsimonious in my  
expenses - I wish to be in  
Lebanon by the 3<sup>d</sup> of Septem-  
ber at any rate, I have few  
things but in a great degree  
I have I am a student, I stand  
in need of clothes very much  
I have not bought any thing of  
any consequence in the way  
of clothes since last winter  
I have a pair of shoes by the  
brown mount which he took  
very well, a hat by the  
name of sufficient. The  
colleges have commenced at  
Wilmington this place -

Since May & Peter wish to  
know what to do, the  
female college at Covington  
has sunk almost into utter  
contempt. I think it would  
be advisable to send Peter  
elsewhere, a charge perhaps  
assigned to him of benefit to him.  
There is no inducement for a  
young boy of Peter's disposition  
and character to study here.  
The professors are even less  
instructed than the  
rest of animals. More ignorant  
of their own studies than ignorant  
of the "manners & ways" of the  
world and total strangers  
to human nature. And they  
would never board an ship for  
three dollars and cents. The  
students generally <sup>are</sup> ~~are~~ ~~are~~  
set of chaps - vulgar in their  
character & <sup>in</sup> <sup>the</sup> <sup>course</sup> in their  
feelings; rough in their manners,  
anything but smart - real burly  
characters out and out.

They have treated me very kind  
and with a great deal of respect  
especially the Ladies of this place  
I am not prejudiced by any  
means against the place,  
I only express it as my private  
opinion and candid opinion  
that I never saw or met with  
more ayes and fools in any  
life than I have in Georgia,  
the truth must not be told  
at all times; I don't want  
you to think that I express  
my opinion freely or ~~unwisely~~  
against the Georgians who  
live in the State, ~~who~~  
seeing and chickens fighting  
the vices and character of the  
Georgians; you could not select  
any State in the Union that I  
would like better than Georgia  
The people and their conversation  
(which is about fighting cards playing  
horse racing) are objects of con-  
demnation which he takes great interest  
in and his soul is delighted. The reason  
is apparent - all the students are  
Georgians - the very hell hounds  
of Georgia as a matter of course  
he to trust them all, ~~the~~  
and evil communications corrupt

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