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My dear father,

I rec'd your letter several days ago, but being so busy preparing for the "May Concert." I could not reply sooner, we gained a good deal of credit, I'll send you a program in a day or so. ————— Perhaps you recollect a Mr. Harrell, that wrote to you last summer to visit me, well because he happens to come to this place once in awhile, Mr. Fullon & Jones, thinks I intend to run away & marry him but as I told you when you were here I never expected and would not under any consideration marry against your will, not even engage myself to any one without your willing consent; one reason I've told you this is to request you to please inform Mr. Jones or Fullon that you are not at all alarmed, & perhaps they will not watch me so hard; No one would think any thing about it; if they did not watch me so, I told Judge Harris, about it, he does not think any thing about it, he says he knows I

would not do anything against your will —
The other evening Prof^r Jones the Marshall & two
or three other gentlemen called on ~~the~~ ^{Mr} Marshall
and told him "to relinquish all claim all ~~claim~~
hand, & even asked him when did he expect to leave
hinting that they wished him to leave soon

I may be wrong but I do not think it was
cheer place to ask him such a question —
the manner in which things are going on keep
my in trouble all the while —

While soon as you can, Judge Harris I think
is my best friend in Cov. he is one of the few
that takes some interest in me not for his
interest either — things have been going on
off & on for this term I stuck things as long
as I could, until I was determined to write —
Write the moment you get this, I would
give worlds if you were here,

The Commencement day is the 24 day of
June, Ever your daughter

Mary —