

Dear Sam

Pleasant Hill. 15th March 1800

You was certainly right, my surprise at the receipt of a letter
from you, could hardly be exceeded, had it been from the Dead - but the fault is not
on my side - I am sorry to hear of the State of Health you have been
obliged to endure; Trouble is a natural attendant on man while on this
side the grave; but we have no reason to complain, when a virtuous Con-
duct will assuredly introduce us ^{to} into a future State, where superior
happiness will exclude it forever - I am glad to hear you are
on the recovery, and to find altho you have been obliged to part with
half your lungs, you have not been intirely useless in your day &
generation; the means of introducing into life seven children in a
few years, is what few people can brag off, who have been able
to retain the whole of their lungs untouched; and if we may judge
of effects by their causes, it is natural to conclude, Milk and Soap
are not unwholesome - I am glad you are now able to
walk and ride, and eat, you say nothing of drinking, and if you
have lost that faculty, when a Demijohn is on the Table, your
are attend indeed - In the course of the summer perhaps a
ride

aside thus far might do you good, if you think so, and will try
I will introduce you to one of the pleasantest Hills in this world, and
if the falling in of the left side should cross you a little, you have
this consolation; that the loss of ^{either half} all your lungs, could not make you
thinner you was professing them intem'. For I've heard you described
as that General Webb, that makes no shadow in the sun; but
how ever altered you may be in body, if you retain a pure mind
and will bring Mr. Webb with you, whose beauties will abundantly
hide your defects, you'll find a hearty welcome, and altho the last of
the Satisfaction was drank by the best man in the world who
lately departed for Heaven, yet we have plenty remaining, good
enough for us sinners.

Your brother in Law died with us this day, and I
hoped for that pleasure from the Uncle but he was engaged, they
will both be successful I expect in the business they came upon.

Mary Webb is here as pretty and innocent as ever, her
Heart is so firmly attached to the Prince of Cassanova, that the
Hunts, nor Bouras's of Boston will be able to shake, but yet
you know the young hearts of pretty Girls, are not always, the

not firm

Can you tell me where Mr Peter Hughes now resides, the
person from whom you purchased. South Carolina certificates
for me along time since I wish to know as some of them
are those that the State will not fund, at more than 15 in the
hundred, and they were warranted genuine, pray inform me in
the matter, also his situation, as to property &

You have never informed me, how much you received
Livingston on my acct. I wish you would trouble
me as soon as is convenient

Sally writes by this opp. w. lovey me, only to assure
you of my best wishes for your health & happiness of your family
with best respects to Mr Webb. Your friend & Cos. Bassell

Gen Webb

Genl. Saml. B. Webb
Barwick

W. Haysboorn

5th March 1800

W. H. H.