

Albany Oct. 6<sup>th</sup> 1825

Dear Sir,

At the request of my sister Mrs Howe I take my pen to address you. The consciousness that you are so good a friend to both her & her afflicted husband, has removed much of the diffidence which I would otherwise have felt in writing one who is almost a stranger to me - Since you was here six or the Spring great & heavy rain have been the affliction of Judge Howes family he has himself evidently been growing worse - & it is truly melancholy to behold such a wreck of intellect as he discovers - Daring events are met with like to him, just being noticed, & then succeeded by even a greater darkness of mind than before - in August he had a severe attack - since when his mind has declined his bodily health is quite good - these melancholy scenes connect, since, have brought her very low - she has had a still has a fever, & is so extremely weak that we feel somewhat alarmed at her situation, yesterday my Father thought that without she was immediately removed from what was so painful to her she would sink under her anguish of heart & disease of body consequently in the afternoon she was put in an easy carriage & brought to our house - hoping that she might recollect a little by remaining here a few days for at home both night & day he has in her presence. She has been more comfortable, to day & has this morning awake from a sleep which has depressed her all the she still seems to have a fever - it is not thought prudent for the Judge to go out. God only knows what the result will be - Let us look on which side of the picture, we will nothing but dark grounds appear - not one ray of light as to the future in this world - Mrs One friends of both Mr. & Mrs Howe, will do all they can in a pecuniary point of view - business of course is suspended - & Mr Bacon has intimated that, he wishes the partnership to cease - Judge Howes brother Samuel, has been written to but he cannot visit Albany until the last week of this month - I have mentioned all these particulars knowing the interest you take in all that concerns the family - we all wish you could make it convenient to

Letter from Maria L. Willard to William E. Green Esq.,  
October 6, 1825  
[John P. Green Mss. - A.L.S.]

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