

Worcester Nov. 26<sup>th</sup> 1840

To Gov. John P. Green

Ever since I wrote you a few days since by Mr. Eaton who I supposed would have been with you before this time, but was delayed untill after this day Thanksgiving, & will leave here in the morning or yesterday with his wife &c. and, as I may, as well devote a few moments to you on this day, as not, I shall sketch a short letter hoping that it may make itself the more agreeable by its brevity if nothing of very material consequence is communicated.

Last evening we received a letter from Julia from South Boston which informs us of her health & the delay of the election of any one to fill the place of Gov. Butler who is kept a long while in such severe suspense - which I think very wrong as it took him away from a living to tempt him with the prospect of making a living for himself, & finally besides buying up something for a future settlement, & more they keep him in suspense which is very cruel - in my opinion, but Julia seems contented, & happy, which I hope will eventually make the place equal to Mary's & her expectations. You sent me a paper to me with a request that we should direct our letters to Mr. Wm. Chapman I think his name was in the paper is not now to be found we shall request Mr. Eaton personally to deliver the letters to you & hope all that we have here to send may have arrived to the

Letter from John Green to William Green  
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[John P. Green Mss. – A.L.S.]

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To Doc[to]r John P. Green

Dear Son[,] I wrote you a few days since by Mr. Eaton who I supposed would have been with you before this time, but was delayed until after this Day Thanksgiving, & will leave hence in the morning on Saturday [sic] with his wife & c. [etc.] and, as I may, as will devote a few moments to you on this day, as not, I shall sketch a short letter hoping [sic] that it may make itself the more agreeable by its shortness if nothing of wry material consequence is communicated. Last morning we received a letter from Julia from South Morton which informs us of her health & the delay of the Election of any one to fill the place of Doc[to]r Butler who is kept a long while in [*Ms. illegible*] suspense – which I think very wrong as it took him away from a living to tantalize him with the prospect of making a living for himself, & family besides laying up something for a future settlement, & more they keep him in suspense which is very cruel – in my opinion, but Julia seems contented, & happy, which I hope will eventually make the place equal to Mary: I have expectations. You sent on a paper to us with a request that we should direct our letters to a Mr. W[illia]m Sherman[.] I think his name was as the paper is not now to be found[.] We shall request Mr. Eaton formally to deliver the letters to you & hope all that we have [*Ms. illegible*] sent may have arrived to this



determination. I have employed my old friend Withins to  
make my cider, & render, if possible to save seeds sufficient  
to plant a nursery, we are getting out of apple trees fast &  
if we do not begin to raise them, when you take the farm  
it will be void of trees, when you come in possession, which I  
hope you will be able to, in a few years, as I am almost  
tired of the care of a farm - your friend Mr. Hammond  
has gone to Oakham to keep school. Andover has been to  
Mr. Hammonds one day last week, & made a pleasant  
call, he thinks very much of the order, industry, and ar-  
-rangements which he saw displayed at that sort of good  
management, I hope he will alter his own habits, & display  
the same care, & diligence which he saw displayed at  
that good farm, all these seem to have, but one interest  
and are united for the general advantage of the concern.  
The last season at our place, each seemed to be governed by his  
own advantage, with a disposition to serve to himself all  
he could get, without considering the general interest.  
Such selfish conduct is disagreeable to a family which  
has always before the present generation been famous for  
its hospitality, & unity of interest, I hope the example of  
the elder brothers will revive the same practice in  
the younger - I have but one wish, that is to see  
you all settled well in life & happy, it would be  
a source of much pleasure to me you all united  
as one for the interest of the whole.

I am not at present very well having been very  
much troubled with a cold for a week past but  
am now better, I have not kept house, but have  
felt rather feeble, the rest of the family are well, &  
have every prospect of being able to do justice to the  
best of the day, & wish you & the girls were at home to  
enjoy it.

destination. I have imployed [sic] my old friend Wilkins to make my cider, & mean, if possible to save seed sufficient to plant a nursery. We are getting out of apple trees fast & if we do not begin to raise them, when you take the farm it will be void of trees, when you come in possession! Which I hope you will be able too [sic], in a few years, as I am about tired of the work of the farm – Your friend Otis Hammond has gone to Oakham to keep school. Andrew has been to Mr. Hammonds one day last week, & made a pleasant call, he thinks very much of the order, industry, and arrangements which he saw displayed at that sort of good management, I hope he will alter his own habits, & display the same care, & diligence which he saw displayed at that good farmers, all them seem to have, but one interest and are united for the general advantage of the common. The last sesason at our place, each seemed to be governed by his own advantage, with a disposition to secure to himself all he could get, without considering the the [sic] general interest. such [sic] selfish conduct is disgracefull [sic] to a family which has always before the present generation been famed for its hospitality, & unity of interest. I hope the example of the older brothers will revive the same practice in the younger – I have but one wish, that is to see you all settled well in life & happy. it [sic] would be a source of much pleasure to me you all united as one for the interest of the whole.

I am not at present very well having been very much troubled with a cold for a week past but are none better. I have not kept hours, but have felt rather feeble. The rest of the family are well, & have every prospect of being able to do justice too [sic] the feast of the Day, do wish you & the girls were at home to enjoy it.



I wrote you some time since, & sent the letters perhaps  
you will notice the contents when you have leisure.  
I suppose you will obtain your instruments & the letters  
by Doct. or Miss Abbott, as Williams's wife who was well  
acquainted with them gave them in charge to carry  
to you, do let us know whether you have received  
them or not. Doct. Gower feels vehemently that you  
have not written him, it looks a little too  
cool for Cousin Dolly & rather unkind in your  
eyes you can easily write a few lines, & by getting  
acquainted with Mr. North Cotton he will know of  
many private opportunities & will be happy to  
afford you any assistance in that way, & you  
can reciprocate those neighborly civilities which  
may be of great consequence many times. I have  
formed the hope to write you, & hope they will  
soon as it is pleasant to receive or send  
the course of my few words. I hope you will  
not fail to write soon that we may have  
know you are doing & where you are -  
The paper is found, & we direct to the care of Mr.  
Mrs E. Sherman - we had letters from Mr. Gorton  
but much all well, & seem some of the best of  
And you are, you know what we want, & do  
not fail to procure something more for us.  
Except the love of myself & the family for your  
my dear son, & believe me most affectionately  
your father, & friend - Mrs E. Gorton

I wrote you some time since, & sent the letters perhaps you will notice the contents when you have [Ms. illegible]. I suppose you will obtain your instruments & the letters by Doc[tor] or Miss Arrat, as Wilkins wife who was here acquainted with them gave them in charge to convey them to you. Do let us know whether you have received them or not. Do[cto]r Green feels almost put out that you have not written him, it looks a little too cool for Cousin Dolly & rather unkind in you – you can easily write a few lines, & by getting acquainted with Mr. Nath[anie]l Eaton he will know of many private opportunities & will be happy to afford you any assistance in that way, & you can reciprocate those neighbourly [sic] civilities which may be a great convenience many times. I have [Ms. torn] the boys to write you, & hope you will not fail to write soon - that we may know how you are doing & where you are - The paper is [Ms. illegible]nd, & we direct to the care of Mr. W[illia]m E. Sherman - he had letters from N. York last week all well. [Ms. illegible] some of the best gardens[?][Ms. illegible] you can, you know what we want & do not fail to procure some thing [Ms. illegible] for us. Accept the love of myself & the family for you my dear son, & believe me most affectionately your father, & friend - /signed/ W[illia]m E. Green



Dr. John D. Green

Care of Mrs. Wm. E. Shannon

Philadelphia  
Pa.

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[P.S., written sideways]: Please send me the reoprt of the D Hentville case A.H.G.

[Addressed]: Doc[to]r John P. Green  
Care of Mr. W[illia]m E. Sherman  
Philadelphia P.A

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