

My dear Brother

I have but seldom the pleasure of any direct
 account from my friends on the Island; it seems they
 are not much in the habit of writing letters, but this
 is a strange indifference & backwardness here, as it
 comes to pass that there is so little friendly intercourse
 & communion betwixt us - the tender ties of Brother-
 hood ought never to be forgotten or dissolved, but by
 death - My Brethren's efforts are still dear to me, & I feel
 most sincerely interested in their prosperity & happiness,
 I still have them in affectionate remembrance - and
 shall, while life lasts, rejoice to hear that they are in
 health & do prosper - but it is in their spiritual prosperity
 that I hope I should more especially rejoice - great
 things in this world are hardly to be desired for ourselves,
 or our friends; yet this is what the mass of an en-
 vying & one seeing after - never satisfy, but still pur-
 suing - such is the restless & insatiable disposition
 of the human mind, whatever the object, upon which
 it terminates or fixes; how happy indeed when
 it fixes on objects suitable to its exalted nature
 calculated to satisfy its enlarged desires & to make
 it completely blessed with its objects or enjoyments,
 as to be found which can answer this yearning

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There is nothing indeed truly worthy of man but
that is on lasting ~~as~~ man, which like the soul
will endure forever; has immortality inscribed
thereon - but what can this be but the favour
& Enjoyment of our Maker. This nothing less
is that life which the good men both demand to
him thro' faith in a glorious Redeemer. That life
which is eternal which shall not be subject to
decay but continue to flourish & increase -
Happy indeed for those who seasonably ^{apply} to him
who hath this life to bestow - who are so wise as to
coop no time to secure a prize of more worth than
ten thousand Gold - O may you & I my dear
Brother, all that we desire in, be directed enabled to
cut this vain & transient part; to make choice of & to
pursue this one thing needful -
It is now almost a Week since I came down to
N. York with M^{rs} Roe when we will be ~~very~~ ^{quite}
in our friends, where I have the pleasure of the
company of six of my children who are well
& thro' the distinguishing goodness in very comfort-
able circumstances, in as much prosperity as to this
world as I have reason to expect & even desire
for this I desire to bless that good providence which
guides, directs & oversees the affairs of men -

I shall not at present perhaps write to any
of my Brethren or Sisters. you will see them &
can inform them of mine & my family's health
& must salute them severally & affectionately
in mine & M^{rs} Roe's name & behalf - I often speak
of her ~~as~~ ^{earnestly} desiring to see you all & intend we
be spared to another fall we may probably dis-
cover the pleasure of making you another
visit - We are much surprised to hear of sister
Hannah being in N. York - I would hardly credit
the report - it seems a thing stronger in itself -
But we were much mortified that we could not see
her, that we were prevented meeting her here
probably should had it not been for the sickness
How happy should we have been to see her at Woodbury
- Our Love to sister to all your children -
M^{rs} Roe begs you would send her just expression
of her cordial respects - & be assured that I
am with venturous of fraternal efforts, & our
your affectionate Brother

N. York November 30th

Angel Roe