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My Dear Ma

Your long kind and interesting letter was received on last Friday. I thought afterwards I would be sorry for writing you such a foolish letter as I did; but I was a little vexed at the time and hardly knew what I was writing to my Dear Mother. I hope you will not think I intended what I said; for when I am mad, I am just like a “drunken man,” that is I am not responsible for what I say or do. It was my duty after receiving the box to write you a letter expressing my thanks for its contents. I will mention my composition subject I am to write on for next Friday, as I think it will be the very place; (Ns or vuz) Look before you leap. I wish I had have done that and then probably I might have seen the impropriety in writing you such a letter. Hoping you will forgive me for the thoughtless act! I recd a long letter from Dot [*his cousin Joshua*] the same day I recd yours; tell him I will answer soon. I recd a letter from Anderson a few days ago, he has been very sick. I wrote to Nannie [*his cousin*] some time ago, but have not recd any answer. Is she still in Lexington?

Give my love to sister and tell her to answer my letter. I am glad I did not come home Christmas, I know I feel much better. I am doing very well in my studies now. Ma I wish you would give me permission to study P. Economy instead of A. Geometry; the class in A. G. began last week; I did not commence with them, but expected to get permission to study P. E. which will be taken up next week. Give my love to Pa and Brother! I hope you will be able to find some good servant to relieve you soon. I was sorry to you were sick. I hope you may soon be well. Write soon to your true and loving son.

R.B.Gex

(Excuse as you peruse!)

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