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Monday Evening

Dear Margaret

I rec^d your note a few minutes too late for the last letter delivery, or I would have answered it in time to reach you this evening. I can meet you to morrow without any scruples of conscience, since I think the circumstances in which we are placed, call for mutual confidence and decision,

I called on Mr Hornbush today, and had a few minutes conversation with him. I could not of

course say much except
on common place subjects,
and he as I had expected
did not wish to say much.
The amount of what I said
was — that I knew he had
been consulted & that his
advice was highly valued by
all parties — that I knew
that you, in whatever you
did, wished to have the
approbation of the church
with which you are connected
— that I wished to recog-
nize him as an elder of
that church, and desired
to regard him as a christian
friend — that I wished for

These reasons to give him
an opportunity of knowing
me, and of asking a sug-
gesting anything that he
might think proper, that I
had no wish to ask any in-
terference on his part, or any
information that might have
been communicated to him.

He did not seem to be disposed
to ask anything except about
the Baptists in Peter. I told him
what I knew of them, and
also that my regard for you
was very much founded on
my opinion of your character
as a Christian. What little
beside was mentioned I

May mention when we
met, I could not tell whether the im-
pression I was made or not

I spent a good Sabbath
yesterday, and I believe
that the spirit of Christ was
with me, in commemorating
his death.

I saw you pup yesterday,
and thought how happy
it would be to spend the
Sabbath with you, and
how happy it is that you
are a person of whom I can
think without thinking of
God. Other less pleasant
thoughts I tried to keep

away.
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