

D^r. Brother,

Beaufort April 10th 1810

Yours of the 17th of Feby. by Capt^r. Duncan came safe to hand for which you have my grateful acknowledgments, was glad to hear one more that all friends were well.

I am still pursuing the voyage thro' life, in an old, though tolerably sound Barque, I endeavour to proceed under an easy sail and as much as possible to guard against the storms and quicksands of life and am constantly looking out for the Port where I am to resign the helm and retire from the busy scenes and perplexing cares of this transitory life. I am not much concerned to know what opinion the world will form of me after I am gone but am much engaged in serious meditation and prayer to make my calling and election sure. After all my toil and study I find myself weak ignorant and full of imperfection, but my hope is that a wise and merciful God will not take advantage of the imperfections of his creatures, but will help their infirmities — hear their prayers — assist them in the hour of temptation — redeem them from all evil and do for them who diligently seek his favour, what they are not able to do for themselves. — here I wish to fix the anchor of hope and when that is established I shall rest in peaceful retirement — be content to forget the world and be by the world forgotten. It is a time of general health and my family and relations, as far as I know, are all well — the necessaries and common comforts of life are plenty and cheap, as to other News I do not recollect any at present worth relating — Please to remember me in the kindest manner to all my relations and particularly to those of your own family — I am with the utmost friendship and esteem your ever loving brother

Sam^l. Leffers

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