

Balt - Jan 13th 1846.

My dear Mr. Revell.

Your very welcome favour, accompanying two valuable State Documents, came duly to hand, and though it dropped upon me, as it were from the clouds, at a moment when I was in such a state of mental subdivision, amidst a thousand little calls, that I scarcely knew whether I stood on head or feet, it was not the less acceptable I assure you - Nay, I might rather say it was the more gratifying, to find oneself affectionately remembered in some quiet spot of earth, at the moment when the selfish bustling world was tearing one to pieces - The last 6 weeks have been busy times with me. As you had heard, our friend Mr. Northrop was quite sick at our house; which delayed his departure so long, that we were compelled to abandon a plan we had formed to accompany her for a few weeks to her new home, & the scenes of my boyhood; where also are my paternal kindred. We have since heard of their safe arrival, & her happiness with the friends she has acquired - Another anxious topic with me was the withdrawal of my son, from Mt St Mary's college, where I thought he wanted sufficient exercise to develop his physical system. His intellectual & moral progress were of a kind to gratify the most exacting wishes of a parent; but I thought his stature too small for the med; of which he