

My Dear Madam

Easton May 11. 1851

I have only time to acknowledge the  
rec<sup>t</sup> of your letter and return my thanks for  
the things sent which were received safe. My  
dear Emerson continues very weak and is still  
in a suffering state he has finally made up  
his mind to go to the Infirmary and if it is  
possible to remove him I think it will be the  
best plan his cousin William Hindman says he  
can be accommodated with a private room and  
his board washing attendance I will only be  
\$4 or \$5 per week his friends will assist him and  
he thinks it possible himself that he may be re-  
-lieved without the loss of his limb but I cannot  
even flatter myself that it can be saved. Emerson  
will not fix on a time to go over until he  
sees Mr. Fitzgibbon and wishes if not asking too  
much that Mr. F. would go over with him.  
I shall endeavor to have him ready by next week  
I have supposed so much in mind and body that  
am almost worn out but God has strengthened  
me wonderfully and in him I will place my trust  
afflictions are often sent as Tripping and I hope  
the sufferings of my beloved child may be sanctified  
to him. I have but little hope of his recovery but  
I will try and resign myself to the will of the  
Almighty whether it be for life or death. My  
afflictions have been many but this seems one