Litchfield Dec 21st 1803.

My dear Daughter.

You must have thought it strange that you have rec'd no replies from me to several of your late interesting Letters; those which mentioned the sickness of my dear George affected me greatly: — the truth is I have [illegible] and this is the first Letter I have written for near a month: I am now well, though weak and much troubled with a cough. the remains of my complaint. — John says he informed you by Letter of my indisposition.

From various quarters, I have informed of the fine family of Grandchildren under your care. Mr Huntington brought me the drawing of Alfred, a fine head such as his Name deserves. from George's drawing of the Farm House &c. I see the good boy, has not forgot us. — as for Wolcott, fear not that he will be taken care of, whenever we can catch him.