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Chula

Schenectady
March 31st 1773.

My dear Mrs Smith

I learned a few days since through a letter by Mrs North that your husband had already sailed. I do so hope and pray that it may be Gods own means of delivering him to you. & to us all (for I know so many feel as though they had a personal property in him) that if not it will be just the best thing, will it not? Is it not perfectly lovely to be able not merely to be submissive, but to delight in Gods will. Perhaps I should not have written those last few lines, but they fell naturally

from my pen. Knowing your
feelings on the subject and
because God has been showing
me ^{how} to rejoice in hard
things to do and suffer for
him. Dear Mrs Smith. I
don't believe there ever was
such an unteachable scholar
as I am in holy things, but
the Holy Spirit keeps at me
& at me and I feel as though
I were really advancing
though so very slowly, in the
knowledge of Jesus. Don't
you think that patience
with ourselves is one of the
very hardest Christian graces
to exercise? It is good that
a man should both hope
& greatly wait for the deli-
verance of the Lord. Sometimes
have felt as though it were
not good still for I know
that it is only something like

myself that is preventing God
from giving me all that I
want but I know you would
tell me I ought to leave all
that with Him & be fully
satisfied, feeling assured that
He is supplying all my needs
moment by moment. And
Oh! it is the only happy and
right way to do, and I am
learning the blessedness of it.
But dear Mrs Smith you
will think me very egotis-
tical and I fear I shall
have to be more so still
for I must tell you that
my wedding day is fixed
for the 30th of April and how
very sorry I am that dear
Mr Cornish cannot be
with us. Will you please
tell him so with my love?
Of course I could not expect
for a moment that either

if you would take the journey
on my account alone. But I know
Mrs North has a great attrac-
tion & especially the work
you may at last be able to
do in the College & Church.

Now I do wish you could
think it right to come
on alone. It would be so

very very delightful to
Mother & myself to have you.

Mrs North claims you as her
guest ~~last~~ and I suppose

we should here to yield
you to her as it would be
much pleasanter for you.

I can also offer Miss Smiley
as an inducement & please

consider the question just
a little seriously — That

if you cannot come I know
that Mrs Smith you will

give me a moment of thought
and prayer. Of Mother

near home she would spend
much time. She is still in
New York but we expect her
home in a day or two. She is not
as well as I could wish but I
am looking forward to having her
with me this summer & I trust
the mountain air will do much
for her health.

With a great deal of love
to your little flock & your
own dear self.

Believe me

Yours very lovingly
Thomas L. Washington

Please give me the benefit
of your dear old Guggenbush
& drop the Whips for my
name —

I sent on your notes & text
book a long time ago. I hope you
received them safely. I have been
a little troubled about them.