

My dear Miss Haylor

I shall be delighted  
to have you with me on Monday -  
I cannot but rejoice that tho'  
you will not live with me,  
you are not going to leave Hobart.  
I presume still to think that  
you are wrong in your view  
of things. That with your own  
principles you shd rather place  
yourself where you can do most  
good, & that the temptations you  
speak of should have been resisted  
rather than avoided. I think I could

have proved to you that the favor  
was for dead wd have reached  
in a greater degree on a nearer  
approach - would you have had  
me persuade my husband  
to decline being Govt. of this  
country when it was offered to  
him, because in a short time  
we must retire on a much  
diminished fortune into complete  
obscurity? - has not the  
finger of God pointed out to you  
the path that was destined for  
you - you think otherwise -  
I will not continue to pain you  
by my ~~obtrusive~~ persuasions -

but the strength & power of  
my convictions on this subject have  
a deeper higher origin than  
mere selfish wishes - You  
will be demanding of me a security  
that you shall not be subjected  
to these observations when you  
come to see me, therefore  
I forbear -- will continue to do so.

Are you aware that the  
mail for England closes to day -  
but Sir John says the letter  
will notwithstanding be in  
time by Tursday next, before  
which date, you will perhaps  
be able to make up your de-  
partures -

most truly yours  
Ben Franklin