

Dear Bro Richard in your last letter you requested me
to write you concerning young Mr Moore. I would have written
immediately but circumstances were such it would have
done ^{no} good. and the trouble I was in about him I was not
in condition to express myself to friends abroad. I was at the
farm and stayed from the children 2 weeks could hear
from them every day by mail if necessary. when I went in
after being with children a day or two Annie told me
that Moore had been in town I inquired if he had
visited them. the answer was he had. I soon found he had
been ⁱⁿ town about a week and he & Dear Myrtle had made
an engagement for marriage upon condition they could get
my consent. I set to work to try and break it up but I soon
found through Annie it was only respect I owing to me and if
they could not get my consent the matter would be consummated ^{any how}
get no expressions from Myrtle. This effect. I thought get that Myrtle

loved me so dearly and respected my feelings so highly that
 she would not act against my advice. I talked to
 Myrtle and told ^{her} in the strongest terms from the information
 I had from her near relations and best friends and strongest of
 all I told her to recollect the advice of her Dear old
 Grand Father Gynn. and her Dear Mother. That were now
 both in the grave. She would listen attentively
 and seemed to be very much affected but was very calm
 would say but little but when she would speak of
 Moore she would always speak in his favour that if he had
 been wild he had reformed and she believed he would

continue to be a good man &c. Mr Moore went off. I staid with
 the children about a week. came to the farm and returned in few days
 Mr Moore had been back. and arrangements were all made for him to
 ask my consent to their marriage. Annie told me, I talked to Myrtle she said she
 thought it the best for her. Myrtle had good opportunities was very
 popular with the young people but I long since found that she liked Mr.
 Moore better than any of her associates, at times she would say

They had stoped their Correspondence, but in short Time I would
see a letter that I had reasons to believe come from Mr Moore
and for the last 2 years I have had reasons to believe
that Myrtle was engaged to, ^a very worthy gentleman of good
property, and fine business qualifications, good

Moral qualities, and ranked ^{among} the best class of
Men, his relatives all, thought ^{they} were going to be married
and it has come like an electric shock when it was
found Myrtle preferred an other. Now Bro Richard I was
in a terrible fix ^{and,} Every one that knows me, know

that I am devoted to my children, and whilst I think I love
them all a like under like circumstances, and Dear Myrtle has
been my house keeper ever since her Dear Mother died, and being with
her sommuch and she has been so attentive to my wants and has aided me
sommuch in keeping my dear little Boys Respet ^{and} administering

To their many wants in the absence of a mother it all has its influence to make it seem that I could ^{not} give my consent for her to leave me, if she had made a selection that her dear relations were well in favour of. But O how is it when the selection and choice of my dear child is one that all her near relations and best friends are bitterly opposed to. Nam my Dear Bro I have only experienced one trial that was equal to this, and that was the Death of my Dear companion that was providential and could not be avoided and we were forced to be resigned - but in this case it seems there is no remedy and as I feared it would be I told them ^{to} many at home. and they fixed the time on the 1st of Monday on the 23^d of 1866. I hope it may turn out better than has been anticipated. This is all I can say at present. My kind regards to all the relations, as ever, your Brother Wm. H. Burleigh North. Spier.