

to say any further upon the subject, but would give you my hearty thanks, for your kind invitation, and pray the Lord he may, by his divine influence, bring us to heaven, where waves and billows shall no more rise between us, to obstruct us from the enjoyment of our beloved fraternity.

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Your most affectionate father,  
WM. LIGHTON.

Finding my letter did not have its desired effect, except that it put him to thinking upon the subject, I wrote again upon the same subject, and received the following :

*Frampton Sept. 2d, 1833.*

AFFECTIONATE SON : Through the blessing of God, we received your important communication, dated April 24th, 1833. Your argument for me to come over to you, is very strong and sincere, but I cannot at present, determine so as to give you any decisive satisfaction about the subject. Yet, let me tell you, my dear son, the ties of parental affection are so strong as almost, at times, to induce me to resolve upon the undertaking. I should be very happy to see you all, and to enjoy sweet solace, and end my days in your *free* and *happy* country, and in the bosom of an affectionate and grateful son, but the distance seems too far, and the journey accompanied with a degree of mental anxiety and danger, which are the only difficulties which seem to prevent that happy