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Letter from W.G. Spencer to Armstrong Family

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Germanstown Nov 11/62
Mr W. Armstrong & Family
My dear Friends

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you, I felt as tho' I could only
"weep with those that weep." but
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not as those who have no hope, -
thank God for our holy Religion
& that our dear - Wilbur embraced
it in its fulness & found it sufficient
both for life & death.

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shock was over & I would have written
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& do better

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I often think of you all & the pleasant
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be very happy to welcome you at my
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& the sun shall shine on a slave
in these United States.

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giveness - let me beg of you to write me
very soon or else come on which would
be better - & let me know how you all
are - how getting along in all things -
& believe me
Yours most sincerely
Wm. S. P. C. S.

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