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Letter from Julia Bartlett to George Sibley, October 16, 1847

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New Orleans Oct. 16th 1847

Mr. Sibley

My Dear Sir,

I am sorry to trouble you but in removing from place to place, I lost the letter that Mr. Lindsey gave me from your church of which I was then a member. Since leaving St. Charles I have never lived where there was a Presbyterian church until coming to the City. In Arkansas I attended the Methodist church and in Natchitoches the Episcopal. I only wish a letter stating that I was an orthodox member of the Presbyterian Church at the time of my leaving. I lived in Natchitoches so long, and attended the Episcopal Church so regularly that the whole world insists on calling me an Episcopalian, and if there is any thing I do love it is my own church and my own people; even its outward forms are dear to me. I wish to attach myself to Dr. Scott's Church and although I could do so without a letter I should much prefer having one. I suppose you have heard before this of the death of Capt. Kimball; he fell a victim to the epidemic after an illness of __ for days: his wife was in __ at the time.

New Orleans has been one mighty channel house throughout its length and breadth, my family have all suffered; myself first, and then my children, __ the elder of my sons had it lightly, my youngest who was with me, when I received in your family, we thought for several days would not recover; but through goodness of a gracious providence we have all been spared, when thousands around us have fallen victims to the fell destroyer.

I have heard that you visited the city two or three years since, I hope that if you should ever do so again you will come and see me; I am teaching in the public schools, and am principal of the Franklin school situated on St. Charles Street between Julia & Geriod, so that you have no difficulty in finding me. Give my best regards to Mrs. Sibley & Miss Roseter,

Yours with much esteem. Julia Barlett