Sheraw August 9th 1831.

Mrs. R. S. Powe,

Madam,

I regret exceedingly your fears have been so much excited respecting the effects of the medicine especially, as I feel well satisfied they are groundless: the quantity of the ingredient in the pills capable of producing any Salivary effect was so small that I could not suppose it could have so affected a child; at all events Madam taking the worse view of it & say it is an altera=tive effect from Mercury, & I am willing to hazard the assertion that every informed Physician would unite in the opinion that such a course would have been the most commendable in your case though it would have been the last thing I would have designedly done from your earnest request to the contrary, & strong opposition to it.

I do believe you are now much better prepared & will be more likely to realize the object of your journey, the restoration of your health, by this course of medicine than without.

I would now recommend for you to take a moderate dose of Castor oil or Salts & magnesia every other morning until the soreness of the mouth subsides, to use a mouth wash of strong sage tea, honey & a little Alum in it, not to drink fresh cold water; & let your diet be toler=bly light & nutritious. the bitters not to be taken if they

produced any sensation of burning or heat in the stomach, the ballance of the pills you had best not take, though they would be of great service to you by taking one a week & operate it off by oil — after you get entirely over the present affection.

Finally Madam I think you will experience the time when you will cheerfully join me in awarding to the medicine the beneficial effects produced.

I am respectfully yrs &c

Tho. E. Power.

T. E. Power