

~~Wm. Dutton~~
Martin Vanburen

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July 24th 1860

My dear Madam

It affords me
much pleasure to do what
I can to comply with
the request - your name
made of me.

The enclosed
letter from our departed
brother the greatly lamented

Silas Wright, presents
(within a short space)
as first a picture

of the truthfulness &
integrity of his character
as every I have been
able to keep my heart
open:

I have never known
a man for whom

I felt more respect,
or for whom I cherished

a warmer esteem than ~~my~~ Ben Merriam

I owe for him, Frank

and in my power that
will do honor to

his memory shall
be established

I am, Madam,

Very respectfully

Your obt.

servant.

Wm. B. Brewster