Dear Miss Anna, Elkton, [illegible] 1808

I received your letter of the instant by Papa and I was very sorry that I had not time to write to you by him but as Mr Jewall a gentleman of Elkton is so good as to bring the [illegible] I could not think of letting [illegible] opportunity pass — Tell Aunt [illegible] I am very [illegible] obliged to her for the few lines that she wrote me in your letter and I am very glad to see that she writes so good hand, and tell her that I will write to her by the private opportunity as I have not time now for I am just going to say a French lesson — Excuse this short letter, write me by the first private opportunity and I will answer your letter — I still remain your [illegible] Hemsley affectionate [illegible]

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