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my Sister hands you may easily conceive the distress they have thrown her into, her fate is hard and I am perfectly satisfied that Tommys ill behaviour will at last put an end to her life—

I am extreamly sorry to hear matters have proceeded so far as to make it necessary to make use of the knife; as you say you shall be obliged to stay only a few days in Annapolis I am in hopes the knife is to be used but in a small degree so as to prevent the disorder from becoming very bad but should it have gone a great length I must beg you will consider well what Surgeon you employ Shippen of Philadelphia is reckoned a very skillfull hand — hope to hear from you from Annapolis — I write you I was again alarmed about my mouth the Doctor has not yet grounds sufficient to determine on the nature of the complaint; some symptoms makes us apprehend the old complaint other again more favourable —

I find by all Tommys letters to Polly school he has become very irksome to him and that he has fixed in his own mind to remain at School not more than 10 months longer and it is probable he thinks if he is to learn Latin that in that time he will be able to accomplish every thing else which has induced him to behave in this manner with his very great desire to get back to this Town — I think it is probable it will be best in two or three months after you have decidedly carried your point against him to give up all thoughts of his going any further with Latin for I plainly see this grand point is now to keep him quiet as long as we possible can and god knows whether he will ever acquire any education I much doubt it — Poor Polly my heart bleeds for her: all the wounds she has heretofore received upon this poor unhappy boys account are opened again and bleeds as fresh as ever she cannot stand many more such shocks before she will be relieved from this miserable world — with my best love to Nancy and all our friends. I remain Dear Dan

Yours Sincerely

John Galloway

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Inclosed you have a letter for Tommy on reading of it if there is nothing amiss seal it and deliver it —