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My Dear Sister, and Neice —

I got your welcome letter yesterday - and in the evening our two nightly visitors came in, Perry Fitzhugh and Chas Schnebly came in to see their Uncle - I requested them to look out for a trusty Waggoner going to Baltimore and this morning they again came in bringing a very Honest looking Germane who was with his Waggon on his way to Baltimore - he promised to go to the Store formerly occupied by Mr Clagett - and told me his name - but indeed I have intirely forgot it however I will send to the Boy's and inquire of them - I am happy to say your Brothers Hand is better. Doctor Dorsey came this morning to drop it - he says the affected fingers will be stiff but he does not think the other's will be effected - and it will still require some weeks strict'd attention - your Brother has constantly been grumbling at the application of Whisky and brown sugar. I asked the Dr to day if that could have produced the Mortification - the skin of the wound was perfect down, and on the forth morning when I dress it look'd quite healed - not any appearance of inflamation or swelling - he said no but that when the tendon was injured the inflamation generally came on about that time - it has indeed caused him a great deal of pain - and he assured I have gone through as much as I could bear. my Back has been for many years very weak - and from getting ups and downs so often day and night - and stooping over the Bed so much and doing a variety of things that no other could do - I am now so worn down that I can scarcely crawl about with a dreadfull pain in my back and hips - Mr Galloway is still in Bed. I am of course ups stairs - our Neighbours out of respect and attention - so often come in to see me and inquire about him - when I am obliged to go down to receive them. that I realy am often so fatigued that I can hardly get back - this also is the time when our Tenants come's on their Business - our Corn Hand Meant to attend two - and no person to assist me but the little Boy's above mentioned - poor little Fellows you would be pleased to see with what attention they behave and how pleased they are when they can do any thing - Doctor Tilghman has been very kind, and was kind enough to ride down yesterday to see the Mill which is I fear in a ticklish condition part of the wall has falen down - and three of the Sills are rotton and must be repaid immediately - the very eleventh Tenant - Watkins James. that I told you of - we have imployd to attend to the Mill and other Tenants - and seeing that they do not trespass on the Wood which I understand they have already done pretty considerably - I am afraid this will be a very expensive year to me - James has been layd up almost ever since we got Home - he says he