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to Mr Clark, without the Carriage was a very great bargain, I had better defer the purchase of one for the present. I had supposed as the Carriage & horses had cost Mr Johns only $300 the Carriage could have been got for less than $250. Cheston will ask the favour of Mr G. Cheston to go with him to look at the Carriage.

My dear grandchildren are all in perfect health, The Scarlet fever prevails with such increased violence I shall keep them all from School untill it pleases God to stay his hand. I feel more apprehensive than if their mothers were with them.

I did expect my dear Aunt I would have visited you, at dear Old West River this Spring but my daughter Ellen returning home with her brother and new Sister, leaves me no excuse on the score of necessity, to leave home so soon, after an absence of two months from it. The busy season of gardening poultry &c is coming on, and I cannot well be spared. I find I cannot act as independently as formally, when I had the approbation & consent of my dear husband to do what I wished. I cared not what other people said. But if Ive should be spared I hope during next Summer to solace myself again by your side, to wait on you as a daughter, and claim it as my pride, and greatest previledge -

Please to present me to Mr Galloway Cheston, whose amiable & affectionate manner to me has won my heart. Best love and good wishes to Cousin Jane and all around you. Yours affec^ty Mary Lynn

If writing is not a very unpleasant task to my dear Aunt she does not know how much I should prize a letter from her, and should hope for one