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My Dear Nancy, Since Thursday May 5th

I have not yet had the satisfaction of receiving a line from you, tho' I was not a little pleased to hear this Morning, by a young Gentleman who left Charles yesterday, that you & the Children were well. You were to have wrote by him, he tells my Brother, but the Letter did not reach him before he set off.

The Sale of the Ships Cargo, goes on but heavily. Sugar is a little in Demand, but I have not had a single Application for Rum — that article, as well as indeed almost every other, this place, is overstocked with. And at 1600 bis of the Salt is Sold. This is but a bad beginning (My dear girl) & And I am afraid when the sale is compleated, the Profit arising from it will be so small, as not to encourage a Second trial. I am heartily tired of having Nothing to do, the greatest Part of my time & much want you & my d. Little ones to fill up the Vacancy — tho to settle pur=pose for me wait here, that I have determined to go to Tulip Hill of Sunday or Monday next. There for you, when I hope you'll be Ready, as I must come up here again immediately on our Return. God bless you My Dear Wife, to find you & our three Little ones well is the sincere wish of yr. Dear affect.

James Charlton

Remember me to Mr. & Mrs. Bethe