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1798 Ringgold

SIDE ONE

[1798]

Mr. R. joins me in the earnest request and may we meet to be happy is the prayer of her who will ever feel the affection of a sister for you — My sincere love to my good Aunt and your dr Sister — remember me to all the Talbot Hill family — and believe me truly yours — M Ringgold

Evidently written in Aug 1798 — Benjamin Ringgold had died after only a few days illness and during her brother's absence from home — (Also Mr Chastom (father of Ann to whom this letter is written) had died Aug 10th 1798 —

I take up my pen, not with an expectation of affording my dr friend, consolation, for God knows the cruel blow and severe shock we have all lately experienced will not permit me to collect my thoughts, sufficiently to attempt such an undertaking but I cannot think of letting your amiable brother leave us without a few lines to, beg that