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1796 Anna Cheaton Letter

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Fountain Rock June 24th 1799

My dear friend cannot for a moment suppose from my long silence, I had forgot her or that I wanted intimation to address you, as far from it I have with pleasure spoke to charge one for whom I always have entertained that fast the strongest attachment, for years but I have been convinced that pleasure by many incidents which have occured I hope my dear Ann, knows me too well to require a further apology I have had letters from my sisters forth their reproaches for my neglect, but you must know there busy times will prevent themselves and often prevent one from doing what would be most agreeable to us, I am this moment return from Hagers Town, I felt much on seeing my poor little Nephew who I say had the small pox smartly, but is thought by the Dr to be quite out of danger, he has about 500 pocks and is extremely sick so much so that it distresses

my sister Tom is gone to Cumberland, Mary has been very sick but is now well, her mother is a little out of health but very well to all

My sister Polly joins me in sending her much love to her Aunt Nancy and Fanny

I fear you cannot read this scrawl but if you cant return it for translation, I know no one but you will do it, accept my good wishes and as much love as you could wish from your affectionate cousin

M R

Hagerstown 26 June

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