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Fountain Rock, Feb.y 10th 1799

I have set down I am sure twenty times
since I last wrote to you My dr Cousin to give you
a full detail of every thing that has past since
the arrival of Miss Mary Elizabeth, who I assure
you is as sweet a babe as my eyes ever beheld
a more quiet little soul never was born, and
that is one thing that endears her to me still
more, for cross children I never could love, tell
my good Mrs Cheston I think she wd take her
in her arms with a good hug and say, "you
are Maria in miniture" knowing "Maria" to be
an old pet of her's I am confident she wd love
my Infant from the resemblance — she is much
pleased at the Idea of seeing you all in the spring
and is quite impatient for the time to arrive
I can say her mother is as much so, to enter
-tain you under our roof will be to me a
gratification too great to be discribed, I hope
James will be able to stay with us the same
time that his good mother & Lizzie do, I shall
be much disappointed if he is prevented, for

Mrs Cheston
Mrs Colston
care

Mrs Ann Sheston
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