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with Mrs & the Miss Chestons, should Cousin James come he would enliven the party vastly did Papa tell you how many pretty girls he saw. I see by the Papers Capt Stuart has sailed I sincearly hope my Brother is gone his Lieutenant. I am very anxious to hear and expect I shall by the next post either from himself or my Father — We are going to loose Doctor & Mrs Lynn from the Glades. he is going 60 miles from this into Virginia to practise Physic they will be a sad loss to Coll Lynns family - Nancy somtimes one a visit once or twice a year she has no children to tie her to one spot. all mine were last tuesday innoculated with the vaccine it is too early yet to determine whether it has taken their arms look a good deal inflamed. William has an eruption such as would make me fear fatal consequences was I obliged to give him the Small Pox some here want faith and will have it. but we expect fresh infection least this should fail and shall persevere till we are satisfied. I am almost afraid to trust myself to draw a picture of my little family we mothers are so partial I will only tell you that I think Mary & Willy quite as interesting as the two you have seen Henry has been nearly 6 months at School he spells five Syllables in or out of the Book and begins to read a little I never thought he wanted headpeice but statutely his teacher says he is an uncommon good child the pleasing none to hear, many good children make bad men but as it is not my disposition to look at the dark side of things I now enjoy the plasing hope of their turning out well — I should have wrote you last week but my good man was writing to my Father and I knew he would soon communicate the plesasure hearing it from yourself had given us both. of your being so well. I am confident that your family is as dear to him as his own, he never makes professions — Mrs Hopeless and her little girl are now with me she is all that you discribed her to be really love her Mr H. is in Philadelphia and I hope to enjoy her for some time. Mrs Lamar came in this evening she is much pleased at your mention of her and says she hopes to see you all. next Summer there are some beaux and Balls at Cards in the next room not Love. my dear —

Good night my ever dear friends except of our united good wishes You must tire lady the Tulip Hill family. my head is confused with the bustle that Tom come kicks me makes, once more Adieu —

Mary [Galloway] Lynn

Tell my dear Papa that all impedements are removed that Mr Penny could wish & that Lucy & his will I believe be married this Spring

Mr Lynn