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about to do any thing wrong thats Aunt Fanny
will not love her, and she immediately desists; we are
teaching her a little at home this Winter, and shall send her
to School in the Spring, she was very anxious to go this
Winter, but I thought it would be better to defer it - Harry
comes on very well with his Book - My little William
just begins to step about and talks a Language of
his own - as to my dear little Mary I can only say
I hear often that she is well. I should have been
to see her before this but was afraid my dear Father
might come while I was absent. I began to fear
the dear old gentleman would give me the go
by this Winter but your letter has relieved all
my apprehensions. I was fearfull we should
have to Eat Fat venison &c without him
You must have spent a most agreeable Tea Day,
with Mrs Ringgold who is my oracle of perfection
and I know she has the greatest regard for you all and
our dear Miss Anne I am sure was particularly
gratified by this visit - you cant think how pleased
I am when I hear you have treated yourselves to a
visit to any of yr friends - I seem to enter into your
pleasures tho at this distance for it is those that are
happy at home that enjoy themselves in a little excursion
the most. it is in vain to wish but I could get one
It would be to transport my good man self and
darlings to eat our Christmas dinner with our Neck
friends - Captn Lynn when he read that part
of your letter which mentions being shut out from
all intercourse with your friends from the bad
behaviour of one of yr Carriage Horses immediately
said that must not be and is so anxious to relieve
you he wishes your Brother to see one of his Wag-
-gon Horses when the Waggon goes again to Baltimore
he thinks his colour and strength will match your
and James must judge of the rest. his form is not
handsome but he is a capital Waggon Horse seven years
onld and the price is ninety Dollars tho not for
sale unless he will suit you as he must buy another
I wish my Father when he comes up would be pre-
-pared to determine for you as you must be in imme-
-diate want, and he could have him taken down to
you I say to you my dear but I mean it for Mrs C has to
Miss Anne and James in full consultation - I think our
dear Nancy aught not to be confined to the House all
this long Winter — My curiosity is raised to know
who this Colt is that was so very polite as to use his influence
in having the Ball put off I rather suspect him of some deeply
interested motive perhaps a similar one to that my Colt
galloped down the Dance with and the next thing
was to gallop off with me. I insist on his name I hope he
is federal — If Papa has not left home I will thank
you to request him to get Captain Lynns Picture from
Annapolis and if he can put it in the Portmanteau be
fore enough to do it — You must not think my dear Chesters
that we want to put off a bad Horse on you by being so anxious
to accomodate you, but knowing the difficulty of getting one at West
River and the great inconvenience you must experience without one
is our only motive for offering one of ours, and we are so situated
that Capt L can replace him at any time. Should you wish
to purchase him and my Father should have left you if you
can depend on his judgement you can write to him and note
him yr agent in the business — I am sorry my dear