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Stanmore 12th May 1813

My dear Niece,

By the aid of Mr Pound I sent you a few hasty lines about a fortnight past, I trust they will reach you safe & speedily, to relieve you from all anxiety about us, & will venture to promise no fault shall rest with me in future, by suffering you to be ignorant of how we are & where we are, So suppose me mourned full of you after the afflicting tidings conveyd to me so long back, must indeed have given you but a sorry opinion of your aunts heart or common feelings of humanity, I truly sympathiz'd with you all, too well knowing what those lacerations are, I find my expressd regrets never reach'd you, & after the War broke out, my absence from Town, put me so out of the reach of any known channel by which my letters might have a chance of getting to you, I gave up the attempt, Mine has been a busy life the last two years, in various ways, but now being quite settled with two very comfortable houses for Summer & Winter residence, I trust we may jog on smoothly for the rest of our lives, putting the common cares & anxieties incident to humanity. — I flatter myself I can form some idea of the interest you will feel in talking us over with Mr Pound by what I have felt myself, his personal knowledge of both parties will bring us in idea nearer to each other, his communications were warm & friendly, & indeed for his own sake for your Brother — contains a white veil for you & a black Mantle for my sister — wear them in remembrance of me — I shall be in London from Robt. Lin the end of March, if ever communication is again easy & free, by a termination of the sad War, command my services in anything you may want & desiring that time, direct your letters to 6 Charlotte Street Bedford Square London

Miss Austen
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Mrs Hall I feel much interest in, pray tell her so with my kind regards; — I have written now in somewhat of haste, as Mr Pound notice arrived two days past to say he leaving town tomorrow night the first a friend came unexpectedly to pass the whole day with me I had not seen a great while — & yesterday an unavoidable engagement took me to London — & now the past hour is fast approaching as well as the end of my paper — one thing more — If a good opportunity occurs — will you send me some Sunbeline seed — & the Sugar bean — & any offer of your Lettuce seeds or flowers, that you think will grow here, rather at your leisure — Affectionate love to my sister from its whole family dear Niece — Affectionate Aunt J. A. Austen

Mrs Austen