SIDE ONE

Hanover 25 July —
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My dear Niece/

Yours of the 10th of Jun. & Dec. 2d was last night delivered to me by Mr. Lansdale, but who I am sorry to say, I only saw for the space of one half hour — every moment of his time being valuable, it was kind to make a point, of coming & delivering your letter & parcels himself — He saw all that remains of our family party assembled together, but there was not time to introduce him to each & make him understand who they were — The one you affectionately inquire after ended her innocent life the 16th of this month, an exemplary pattern of patience under much suffering — Submission to the divine will — & gratitude to all around her for their attention to her — She was a peculiarly amiable & interesting creature — & a bitter loss it has been to us all — it was so many weeks a hopeless case, & her sufferings so acute after — it almost become a duty to pray for her release — but then passed away — the deeply felt in every circumstance of our daily routine the loss of her sweet society — I ought to be very thankful that tho the last two years have been passed in the midst of anxious cares & watchings it pleased the Almighty to enable me to retain my health in a wonderfull degree (my age considered) My dear Husband

Mrs Clarkson
West River
Maryland

My dear
Mr. Lansdale

I speak now from experience — for alas alas — my heart is weary — but I have scarcely a half hour I am not called upon to perform some necessary duty — therefore must except — Major Mercer will remember our darling child — for he letter was polite — or he was much pleased with her musical performance — Pray offer him our most kind regards —

The Shawl you have sent me will be ever valued — & now dear Niece I must bid you adieu — first offering your Brother & Sister of my friendly regards & good wishes that every blessing of health & prosperity may attend him & his — N.B. Unity in all & Love to My Sister & yourself with your

faithfull friend &
Affectionate Aunt Fra.s Aug.a Beverley