SIDE ONE

Hagers Town, Jany 13 - 1831 -

My Dear Fanny -

I am much obliged to you for your attention and trouble in procuring the Oranges and Figgs - the latter were of a very superior kind and the very best I ever saw - your Uncle has enjoyed them very much indeed, he is still in Bed - the only now keept their by prudence - the Doctor assure's him without great care, his Hand may be again very bad - the least cold in it might throw all back - you no he never had any objection to his Bed - and I fear if he was to go into the Parlour. he would soon venture to the Door then into the Street - it has indeed been a long and dangerous affair - and to originate from such a trifle to all appearance - it is a little singular that two case's should happen at the same time and in the same Neighbourhood - Elsia Schnebly - about ten days ago - felt a soreness in the Ball of her right Thum - but as their Hogs had been cut up and salted a way the day before, and she active and assisting in every part thought it owing somehow to the salt - however in 24 hours it became so painfull she was obliged to send for the Doctor - her Hand has been lay'd open in three places - and she has, and is still suffering dreadfully - and I understand it is feared the Hand will be stiff, as the sinews both in side, and out are very much effected - she is in Bed with high Fevers - your Uncle's Health is now very good - and his appetite too good I think - I wish I could say as much for myself - as the old people say - I am so full of pains - my Back - and my Knee's are so very weak, sometimes I can scarcely get out of my chair - Ellen Lynn and her Brother William came down last week and stayed two days - their Visit was to old Doctor Haden - they were unfortunate is pitching upon a very disagreeable spell of weather for their journey - I have seen very little of her since she grew up - she is pretty very delicate and Tall - very diffident, I felt a great deal for her - she was almost the whole time under the Doctors Hands - and bore the operation without a murmur the several time I saw the Tears trickell down - they left us very late in the evening to go to George Pilgrimans - I tryed all I could to keep them but William said he had only one more day to stay - as his Father expected them - the Morning they were to leave George Pilgrman it looked very threatening and by Twelve it came on to Snow - whether they did set out or how they got Home I have not heard - your Uncle got a letter by the last Mail from some kind person in that Neighbourhood informing him of a Number of Thefts being committed on his Allegany Land he says two large Rafts have already been sent down the River and another ready for the next rise of Water your Uncle cant hold a Pen - I shall be obliged to answer his letter - and also write

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