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got ready I enjoyed your dear letter which Charles handed me on my arrival. I am not express to you how it comforted me. Though the act of the Sabbath crop conformed the fears I had expressed in one of my late letters. Never mind we have enough to call for overflowing gratitude to God — and enough to give us all that we need here. I am glad Mr Ritter is in the neighbourhood. Engage him to go on with your work till it is completed. I must have things made right snug about us. I see my way clear to pay for it being done in that way. You know him & will find him an agreable member of your household — The house you mention past the fence. There is a conical or pyramidal cover to the large Cistern ⊿ so as to prevent the children & servants sitting on it and doing all manner of things which will defile the water. Then the balustrade round the library window then the tower on South point or whatever you please — Only go on getting things in complete order —

The place I was at today at Beverly is beautiful indeed. Directly on the bank of the Delaware with neat grounds & a capacious elegant house. To my great surprise and gratification I found Miss Cindy was making a visit there. & Mrs Green — Dr Martens friend — so that I passed the time I was obliged to spend for the boat to return much more pleasantly than I had anticipated I should. I am delighted to have the hope of tranquilly meeting again. I have felt as though I could not half enjoy my own privilege