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My dear Sister

I received your letter yesterday & also a very kind & affect. one from Caspar to day, for which please thank him. The last sad offices for our dear friend were performed to day. The Company assembled very large, so much so that very many could not even enter the house. There was perfect quiet & great solemnity within, & the Services were acceptable & well adapted to the occasion, closed by a powerful, & most fervent prayer by the widow - a severe trial to her strength. We have certainly lost a friend whose place to us can never be again filled.

This a good while, my dear Sister since we have exchanged letters

you too have had a letter from Virginia. Mary Ned the very pleasant intelligence yesterday, Mrs. a very clever note from Mary, of her having written to Brother, Wm. Talbott & Murray. Tom was doing very well - and little Maggie, Mary says "almost crazy".

You ask for your annual account of Henry has it drawn off in time, I will enclose it with this letter. The Ground rent due 1st Decmr. amt. $200, has not yet been paid. The tenants are always slow, & will take their time. Whoever will reduce the balance now presented to such extent, & tile the Doctr. to make no effort to settle with me tile quite convenient.

Old Rachel has not come away. She is here. The Boats have been stopped by the Ice. Have just received a message from Tom. She goes next trip.

With warmest love to you both

Yr. affect. Bro. G. Cheston

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