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My dear Sister

Being anxious to hear from Hannah I have just broken the seal of your letter to Mary.

This gives a relief to know her indisposition has been slight & that she has returned to her sisters. Hannah has for some time had great tendency to colds & it behooves her to be extremely careful. She is always praising the use of Iron & other tonics with little effect. I thank Cushing for his kind attention to her & will know it will not fail of the desired - I am glad you like the picture. It is certainly like the original, but without

$300 per ann. which with rigid economy will take him along till a more prosperous wind blows. Things are doing better & with the blessing of Providence upon steadily applied labour there will be no occasion for corroding care & anxiety on the part of any of us. Let us faithfully & cheerfully perform our allotted work & I hope before a great while our affairs will be much disentangled. I like to hear the Doctor is employed but don't want to hear he is overtasked.

My best love to him

Your affect. Bro.

G. Chester

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