SIDE ONE

Phila. July 3 1862
10 P.M.

My dear wife

I had come up with the design to go quietly to my chamber when I was accosted as I passed the parlour door by Mrs M. and called in to see the ladies. and when they left me told they had decided to return the house on the old terms. That affair therefore is settled. Some days ago Mrs M. in one of her conversations mentioned Mrs Lally's great desire to have the little office at her own disposal if they did return the house & occupy my bath room. I told her we would resume the two rooms and add nothing more. I have thought over the matter, we might not find it rather more comfortable to let Mrs Lally have the office and take my bath room for our own private use. think it over and let me know. They are now talking about their autumn plans. I listen silently taking really no interest in the matter. I had hoped

Israel has gone to Washington to the Department. Mr Griffith taking Annie & Effie home with him. Mrs Galloway I suppose has some plans for herself & Hannah & Charlie & Rebecca. Jeffy will go on as he proposes to go by himself. Another of them was on board during an approach of the heat & exertion for him & yet did not offer any obstacle. or I saw it was he cannot decide & I know it would give you pleasure to see him. Dear Children, these sorrows serve the recollection of our own. Rebecca gives remark does more than anything else to bring home to us the loss of our dear father.

I often fear lest there is something we should have done either by charitable or generous. Let us forget the things which are behind & reach forth to those before. Remember even for our dear children lest they should be influenced by our unfaithfulness. May the Lord bless & keep them. Will you to Henry & Sarey & the dear little cousins.

Your afft husband
Caspar Collins