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Muney Cottage

August 3rd 1860

My dear Ann.

I wish I could sit quietly down beside you this morn^g - but as that cannot be, I will proceed at once to tell you, how sad we feel about our dear Nancy. It appears not to suit her up here, perhaps the air is too keen, but she evidently does not improve in health, and I fear grows worse. When I came up with Anne & Hannah, I was shocked at seeing her look so wretchedly, since then she has daily become more and more stiff & suffering - you may imagine her Mother's anxiety - This morning Charles & Mary took her to Phil^a to ask Dr Jackson if it would be advisable to try the Virginia Springs - Oh! dear Ann it is very sad to look at her, she is very thin & pale and her nerves sadly unstrung - It

parted us, yet we are very closely united in heart - your dear husband has been a great comfort to us, and I feel, being away from him & his sweet counsel, very much - how must you - dear you know that I have met with a purchaser for the Solitude - they tell me it is a parable offer, not first rate but I have agreed to take it. I am requested to be ready to sign the Deeds by the 1st Septr so I hope by that time Anne will be ready to go back to Phil^a - I am to derive no interest from the sale until next year, the ground rents not to commence until January next - so you see, should we be spared another year, we shall feel in easier circumstances, and not be such a burden on you all - Israel urged me to sell, and I concluded I might as well as to keep it for the descendants - give my most affect^e love to Mary - I hope you are all well - Anne & Hannah send much love - I must close dear Ann - I feel so sorry for poor Effie