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SIDE TWO

Mrs Dr Caspar Morris.
Care of Mr H. McMurray.
West River. Anne Arundel Co
Maryland.

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My dear Cousin your affectionately
giving me a home, will put you to
pecuniary disadvantage and I think
my portion had better be, twenty-four
hundred. Under your present arrangement,
your house and boarding do not cost
as much as fifteen hundred, merely the
rent of your house, and I would wish
to add as little to your expences, as
possible, when I am so greatly favored
and benefitted by the proposed plan
of our being together. Judging by my own
expenditure the past year, I think, as
we are all simple in our wishes,
the daily current expences of the house
might be supplied by $2400 and then
I should not feel I was adding to dear
Cousin Caspar's anxieties. I regard Gally
and Anne, as belonging to me, not being
willing to give him up as mine. I meant
to have told the Dr, what has been said
to you, relative to our yearly expenditure, but, on thinking
over the whole matter over, I am afraid
lest the Dr should think that I had
made a bargain with you, that he
would not be alone, he would go to
Florida that coming Fall, if I
and my boy, birds and little dog
Jane, he should be here the coming
Spring and spend the winter, but to
do I am detaining my letter talking
to you. You would much rather your
dear Mary were here by your side.
We do not know how long the time
seems now, you are gone, the days
seem three times the length they
were when you were here. Mrs Chatten is so
much of an invalid, no doubt the part
of the house she occupies will be
very cold. Last night dear Cousin Anne
and I were talking over our
arrangement and we think it is very
fortunate that the contract, I had
in view, is so pleasant, I mentioned
to you that I wished to contribute $200