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Dr. Caspar Morris
Chestnut St.

My dear Kind Friend

You have manifested so much goodness to me, & I have such reliance upon your Christian character & confidence in your benevolent feelings, that tho' many would consider it a great liberty, that such a request as I am about making to you, should be made, I do not think you will feel that I presume on your kindness, and if you cannot do as I desire I know you will tell me so plainly, & thus confer a favor. And yet I hardly know how to begin to tell you what all this is to lead to. After many struggles & various efforts to sustain ourselves in our quiet plain little home, my sister & myself have come to the end of our means, & are obliged to give it up I think in many situations I could earn my

time entering Friendship. I have not yet informed them of our present trouble, & that I would not for a little while. You will oblige me my dear Dr. Morris if you will let the whole of what I have said in this letter be strictly between you & me there are many reasons some of which you will see, some of which are known but to myself. If you find that you can keep me, & I know you will if you can, Please direct Eliz^th N. Smith care of P. Frazer Smith N. Chester. Chester Co. & Excuse me for giving you this trouble & inflicting upon you so much of my tediousness I know you will have your reward from Him who notices & forgets not the cup of cold water given for His Sake, for the many acts of Christian love which marks your life & this is my comfort knowing that I have nothing to give, that our Master in Heaven giveth liberally. —

With feelings of high consideration & true Christian Affection I am

Respectfully yours
Eliz^th N. Smith

I could not sew, my hands are so swollen & stiff from neuralgia —