for the Eastonians - Sister Anne took a very active part in it and almost worked herself to death in the cause, they cleared upwards of seven hundred dollars and are quite pleased with their success - Joe Johnson & Dick Telfairman came over last Monday to pass a week or two but business summoned Joe to Washington and he escaped the following Tuesday - Almost all the Baltimore girls have emigrated to the Eastern shore this spring, the two Williams', and their brother Billy, the Misses Hollingsworths and I cannot pretend to mention all their names - Lloyd Telfairman is at Myrtle Grove, they are endeavoring to alter Miss Elma's decision but with no avail. He borrowed a wagon and horse from Col Telfairman's, and has been gone two or three weeks, and not a word of the carriage except a verbal message that at Mr Skinner's door the horse ran away with one of their negroes nearly killed him and broke the wagon. Your cousin Dr Hindley's fate was settled in a short time almost as glorious as the three days in Paris. He accused Sister Anne in having aided and abetted in the affair and brought matters to this speedy conclusion but she protests against it. Thomas Hemsley was very attentive to Henrietta Telfairman at the fair, he drove her out to Hope and Sister Anne says was very much taken. Horace Edmonson is devoted to Ellen Thomas, and would make her Mrs E the second promptly but she turns a deaf ear to his honied words, and treats him with the utmost indifference. William has not made up his mind whether to go to Washtn or not, he is so well pleased with his situation in Philadª. He is reluctant to change and yet it would not be well to offend the Col. as he considers it, I suppose, a favor to William, I expect it will be in going to Washtn - I prefer Philtn as a residence, it is so retired and you can be domestic there and yet have plenty of society - In Washtn you must live in one or two rooms or the other - Either exclude yourself entirely or mix in all the gaiety - Sister Anne sends a great deal of love to you and begs you will answer her letter - She also desires me to tell you that a certain blacked lady from Fairview, bought a little present from her for you It is a doll dressed like a soldier, sword & epaulettes every thing complete and will no doubt be dispatched to you by the first opportunity. They are now preparing for bed - so Good night - Your ever attached Sister

Matilda W. Emory

P.S. Henry insists on my writing a postscript my dear John as he is either too lazy or too busy to do it for herself and she wants you to know she wrote you a long letter by Tom Jenkins who promised to see you - Who said Tom Jenkins is, I do not know but suppose you do. The Strawberry season is just over and raspberries are coming on very plentifully, we have wished for you very often to enjoy all the good things with us, such as fruit and soft crabs which have been abundant. Robert and Frank Hemsley have had fine sport crabbing. It rained all the time Bateman was home and only cleared away for him to return to Philadª. The country never did look so beautiful as it does now, it is an actual pleasure just to breathe in such a delicious atmosphere, the linden is in full bloom and scents the air with its fragrance. I hope you will think this letter worth answering as I shall be so glad to hear from you - I do not write often as little Campbell takes up so much of my time that I have very little leisure. He has grown a lovely baby and is a wonderful pet here. You could not help loving him he is so good and quiet. Good bye again and this time in earnest - Yours sincerely M W Emory