I could not my own dear Uncle let Fr's letter be despatched without adding my thanks also to you for your kindness; just at this time the receipt of funds to meet some payments was particularly acceptable and to you we are grateful acknowledgements due for the arrangements you have made for us. — I feel truly thankful to find your own health improved and your immediate family have kept well, but what could have caused so much sickness among the servants at Sherwood? — we feel sorry to hear of the loss you have sustained in Harry and his wife. — Death seems indeed to have been among our friends, and truly do I sympathize with all who have been so heavily afflicted, particularly the family at Poplar Grove. I had a letter from cousin Augusta Somers yesterday in reply to mine written to Fr. Rose — she says my Aunt is very delicate and the whole family seem as yet almost paralized by their loss. — Only on Saturday I sent a long letter to Kate and thinking you would not leave Sherwood before the 1st of next month directed it there but suppose it will be forwarded to you. — Dort Hammond is again with his family and enjoying excellent health, he does not yet know where his next destination may be. I saw Father yesterday he is not very well, he begged me to give his affectionate love to you and say that he wished to write to you but that his hand had become so tremulous that it was painful and with difficulty that he could put pen to paper. — Emily is much engaged, for between his own duties and attending to Father's business (who now seems to rely entirely on him in making various arrangements) he has very little leisure indeed. — It is I hope needless to say how much we should be gratified at seeing you and we can only look forward to your being with us some future time. — Our affectionate love to all and believe me dear Uncle your ever attached child

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