Dr. James Hall

My Dear Sir

I regard it to be my duty to inform you of the cause of my absence from the Office during the last few days. That cause is a melancholy one. Our excellent kind girl Isabella Elliott is just breathing her last! Night & day since last Thursday have my wife & self, without any help whatever, waited upon & nursed that poor suffering creature, until for want of sleep and rest we were almost exhausted. No female, white or colored, could be induced to come and aid us on any terms, when they were informed of the character of the disease. Most Providentially we obtained a nurse last evening, who will stay and see the end of the patient. My little son who was first attacked, and is now convalescent, was a case of Scarlatina Simplex, but poor Bella is decidedly the Malignant

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