last 19 living in Slave & honesty until this rebellion was — it has ruined some of them: My own dear husband was born in Wales brought & indent to these shores — he stands alone in the world not having a relative in it: he is in the strictest sense of the word, an honest man — no lie ever polluted his lips, he is true & just in all his dealings — none can say otherwise — he is loved by all that know him. Such a man also was my dear father — peace to his memory — have I not been fortunate? Well we were living in Portsmouth when this terrible war commenced — as it progressed from the firing of the Navy Yard the excitement was so continuous that Mr Griffith thought best to rent this small farm 6 miles from P. where we could be quiet, and the servants could work and make something to live on during the war — his kindness for them will not be repaid — one of our best hands has left and if the others remain to gather the corn it will be best to get their share before they also leave. I hope you will excuse me for trespassing on your time which must be so precious, the times seems to excuse a departure from propriety and it daily happens now that strangers become friends — and alas. friends become strangers or even for worse become enemies — oh

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