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New York. May 4th 1857.

Dr Hall

Very Kind Sir,

Your letter dated May the 3 I recived to day, also the the check. the Contents were read. I regret sir that you think differently from me as regards my breast. I have come to the Conclusion to have an operation performed. Dr. Parker has told me Candidly that if it is not taken from me that soon it will become very large and full of sores & be so offensive to myself as well as others & finally end my life. well after a consideration, I feel that to have it off will prevent this, I had rather have it off & if I die in or after the operation. I feel as though I had rather, than to have such a thing go on in the way it has been discribed, Dr. Parker has had besides himself. some five or six Phisicians to see me, & he says he thinks I am wise to decide to have it off. in his opinion, well Dr. I am as I wrote before in God's hand I feel it a duty & privilege to use the means that God has put in my reach & in doing so trusting in Him for His blessing, & if it is God's will to take me - now I trust I may be taken to Heaven. I had rather be there if it is God's will than to suffer as has been described, I feel that to have to die for away from a kind good Husband & Friends truly is sad to think but. after all I feel than I am in the line of my duty if I have the operation. I have written Mr McLill all about the whole affair & what my intentions are, & wrote that if I live I Exspect to stay in New York two or three Months, I will deliver the Message written for Mr Brown She is not here now. Miss Kate is not well she will write you now Dr. please accept my thanks for all your kindness & Sympathy - I hope you are well, & Family. I remain Yours ever grateful,

M E McLill

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