Dear Sister H.

Elkton February 4th 1801

Your kind favor of the 20th of Jany came to hand, and from an incident or at[illegible] I have not answered it. But I now set down to inform you that I spent a very agreable Christmas as I hope you did also the same. I also spent a very agreable time last evening drawing Valentines with Miss Baxter and some other Ladies at Mrs Carrics. With respect to the pink bow that you mentioned in the latter part of your letter as belonging to Miss Oldham you are as much mistaken as you were in your life Miss Hopkins. I took it from a Lady that lives near to you than to me, as you do not know her, it is not worth mentioning to you who she is for I will tell you that it was one of my Quondam school acquaintances that I stole it from. The young Gentlemen of Elkton had an Ball the 14th of January as handsome a ball as ever I was at. I had the pleasure of opening the ball with the amiable Miss Baxter. I received a letter from Wm Forman last week and he informs me that he was to sail in a few days for Europe in the ship the Baltimore and from there to his Father or Mother which is not very far off, that I suppose you are enough acquainted with as having learnt Geography. I have nothing more to say at present as there is no news in Elk, I will be much obliged to you if you will help Sister Henny about my shirts all that you can, for these are all worn out that I have. Remember me to all the family and particularly to my Niece Elizabeth Caroline also to Sister Trough and the Doctor. Yet remain your loving affec