consented to remain peaceably if I would let him depart on Saturday, which I was obliged to consent to, owing to his business, that requires him every moment in Baltimore — he regrets more than I can discribe that he cant see you and his half of a half Sister Bett at this time, he tells he will be with us next month when I hope he will see all those whom he is denied seeing at the present — I must say he looks infinitely better, and has gained some flesh, he goes to Chester Town to day to see about his Store, and returns tomorrow — I suppose you've heard of poor Williams death, his change I trust is for a better, for in this life he would have met with hardships, and trials that he is now freed from — I am here and do not know what Mourning he shall wear — if you have any money you had better get some black ribbon, let it be of the soft kind if you can get it — it's the prettiest — the Death of Mr Hacket I conceive is one of the greatest Losses that can possibly befall — his sudden death must add doubly to the pangs that our unfortunate Cousin must feel — you know they lived last by their united industry, and if it's possible for Woman to feel the Desperation she will in the most exquisite manner — My kind and affte Love to Betsy, and tell her my mind is very opposite to answering her note at this time, the loosing of the two Deaths at once, and both so nearly connected with me have impressed me greatly with a feeling that arises from Sympathy for the distressed Widow —

Ever for ever affte Sister

A. M. Hemsley —