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Miss Emma Marie Hemsley

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What does my dear Emma think of my long silence I hope you do not think that my not writing before was for want of inclination or regard, no my beloved friend it was not for want of either, I have so many excuses to make, that to prevent prolixity I think it best to say nothing on the occasion, Cousin Maria and Mrs Pearson called at our house on their return from Chester Town, I should have written to you by them only they made a very short stay, and I was getting ready to take a tread, and I have just returned, I most sincerely condole with Augustina on the loss of her amiable Brother, I shall be in Phila shortly and it would give me infinit pleasure if it [illegible] Augustina should be there at that time as I have a very great desire to see her — — — — — —

what do you think of all this noise that has been made about Miss Lowery I think that I had rather it should be her than me for I am sure that she must feel but poorly, she is shind. published in the Baltimore papers by Dr Smith