Dear Anna

Brandywine Aug^st 16th

Both your stamped letters came safe to hand one of the 19th ult^o the latter of the 5th instant. No doubt you are surprised at my long silence, but when I inform you business has been the principal cause, you are too good to think me negligent about writing when Papa was up I was under the expectation to have informed you in a few days of your ring being finished but was disappointed further occasioned by the absence of my Friend E Talbott who has taken a jaunt to the Eastward, consequently the business of the Mill has devolved entirely upon me until his return, such has been my confinement that I know not what is going on farther than the limits of

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