My dear John I have not a spirit to write to you, but, must add the last blessing and request of our poor blessed Mother to you — which was that you would have yourself put at nurse — that you would for her sake have prudence as well as for your own that you would correct your temper attend most particularly to your morals & above all things she enjoined you & dwell & lay upon her dying lips on your act about your religion therefore with her & yours I beg of you for her sake for your own & for God's sake never, never neglect it — Your last letter will be attended to as soon as my Father who sends you this blessing, can make it convenient — at present we are all absorbed in grief yours sincerely

W. Lee

Mrs Young and Miss Betty Carroll desire their love to you

Tench Ringgold and William Lee's letter of January 22nd 1805.

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My dearest John

The mournful ~~and~~ task of communicating to you the death of your good and ever to be lamented Mother devolves on me. she was attacked on Friday ~~Night~~ Morning last with a Bowel complaint which she had not strength enough to go through with and she has gone to that heaven & everlasting happiness which she so eminently deserved to be rewarded with for a pious & religious life spent in divout duty to her Maker & charity to all the world — you my dear Boy can better imagine than I can describe the grief your good Father and all of us are plunged in by this irreparable misfortune to us and to you I am commanded by your Father & Brother to ~~say~~ beg you will not suffer yourself to be so much hurried away by those feelings which you will most certainly experience at the knowledge of this sad event but that you will find consolation in the happy and certain reflection that your amiable & truly good parent has gone to the arms of a just good & benevolent Creator where she will

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