for our live in eternal bliss and happiness – From my young friend let this awful loss be a good & improving lesson let it be ~~our~~ our reflection & by you that the best & most virtuous of us poor Mortals must go to another world to appear before that tribunal which will judge with Justice & severity of all our actions – To you my dear Brother it will be impossible for me to offer the consolation I could wish for the loss which at your time of life is irreparable and which must have a lasting impression on a mind like yours open to all the tender & filial feelings which an affectionate Son must feel for so valued & tender a Mother – But let this be your consolation that her sufferings were not great and that She died like an angel perfectly resigned to the call of her all wise & good Creator imploring blessings from him on all her fond relatives and particularly on her dear children and frequently imploring the divine mercy and blessing on you her absent child – Your Brother Archy has been absent for some days in Virginia and I did not get here until this morning would to God it were my power my young friend to offer you consolation but remember that it is the will of an all wise & good Creator thus to deprive us all of a good amiable & ever to be lamented parent and let us all join in saying "Thy Will be done Oh God" – let me entreat you ever to keep before your eyes & deeply engraved in the inmost recesses of your heart the bright example of a pure religious and ever praiseworthy life and the many salutary and virtuous sentiments which your departed parent has endeavoured to instil into your mind & the minds of all her children & those around her Your Father Sisters & Brother William are all as well as can be expected & they with me write in the most affectionate love to you – In a day or two when more at leisure we will all write to you

Believe me ever to be

Your most affectionate Brother

Frank Ringgold

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