a letter from Thomas since the January exami-
nation - he has risen considerably in all
his classes & seems to be well satisfied with
his standing. Mr Gonzo: Maria & James Thomas
are at Gadsby's - Papa has seen them sevevral
times they are well & enjoying themselves
very much - I wish much to see Maria but
fear I shall be disappointed - it is very trying
to be but five miles from persons you
wish to be with & to feel that the obstacles are
as insuperable as if the broad ocean rolled
between - it makes me very uncharitable
& much disposed to play the Randolph with
a certain old Roman. I suppose you have
heard of the melancholy death of poor Esther
Graham - she died in 36 hours after her
confinement owing to her imprudence
in insisting upon sitting up at the fire the
day after she was taken with a chill in
which she died - she has left a sow Mason
intends to bring it in as soon as the weather
permits. Clementina Graham too how sad
it is to see an only & doated child so early
& so suddenly cut off - her poor mother is
like one bereft of hope. Tell Uncle
William I shall certainly quarrel with
him when we meet. He was three weeks in
Washington & never came to see us. I am
rejoiced to hear that Eliza is so much im-
proved. I went into the city at & was but
did not enjoy it much as I was sick almost
the whole time. I did not see Maria or
the children - she has a young lady staying
with her a daughter of Gen: Parker. Jane
& Mr Turnbull wished that you could spend
the winter with them & I more than echoed
it. Mrs Ramsay has received a long letter
from George in Scotland dated from
Douglass Castle (high quarters for an A cat
& happy George) which he writes is spled
the dog kennel is a house with wings
the butler room more handsomely fur-
nished than any drawing room in W.
My love to Ella & tell her I thank her for
the peach chips - if the weather permits
Pigeon intends to go to town Saturday &
when she returns will write her all the
news - as she thinks two stuped letters from
Siberia in one night is rather ~~too~~
too much. My love & thanks to my Dear Aunt
remember me to ~~Ella~~ Caddy & yr sisters
yrs Dear Molly
M C R

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