Cottage September 8th 1802

pardon me my much Loved Sister for suffering

such a period to elapse without acknowledging your very esteemd

favours — you are really so generous so good and so very entertaining

that I always am offended with my-self when ever I neglect or defer

writing — at this season of the year my domestic concerns are much

augmented — and the consequence is generally a cold, which I have in

so violent a degree, that some days past that I can scarcely speak —

do not be uneasy my dear tis not attended with a sore throat

merely a hoarseness. I do not suffer, although am much thinner than

I have been — my dear sister Sally I hope his entirely restored — I felt

much disappointed at not receiving a letter yesterday the affection

at goodness ~~quality~~ attentiveness of my dearest sister has really spoilt

me if one tuesday does elapse without my hearing I am always

uneasy and apprehensive, this day I hope will be more

propitious to my wishes — I was highly gratified by a few lines

I read from Aunt Schuyler which tend very much to increase

my anxiety to see her - she shortly intends a visit to London even
when I will write to her - What an acquisition to your enjoyment
will be her society fondly would I hope, to partake of your happiness,
was it possible for me to bear home - we shortly shall move to town
the coldness of the weather will soon render the cottage uncomfortable
the situation of Phil^a will I hope permit your removal when our
inclination will prompt - I am happy indeed, to hear that my dear
honored father's health and appetite is improved - the salubrious air
of the country has I suppose been of advantage to all my beloved
family my dear adored mother I pray is in full possession
of perfect health - please ~~tribute~~ to her my most affectionate love
Sister N. I suppose often visit you - her family I pray are all
enjoy health - you do not spend much of your time at Bloomfield
which ~~[illegible]~~ laments - but you are not long separated and that is a consolation
My most affectionate love to all my dear sisters and tell
them I will write to them soon - I am so poor a correspondent
that they need not regret my silence - Saturday last
terminated the life of Susannah Nelson - her sister Macreay is
in great distress - she is ~~[illegible]~~ just recovered a violent indisposition
was not with Susannah when she expired - Mrs Macreay was

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