

Savannah June 8th 1842,

I thank you from my very heart of hearts
dearest Aunt for your delightful letter which
I have just received. I read with the
utmost ~~satisfaction~~ joy in it is the first misfire
that I have welcomed from home since your
last of the eleventh of May - nearly a whole
month! I am almost inclined to think

that a letter from dear Sara may have miscar-
ried as I am never so long a time without
hearing from her - I was imagining my dear
Father & his precious charge well on their
journey to St Louis. when Becky's letter
reached me a day or two since telling me
that Mary's indisposition had prevented
them from starting. She also incidentally
mentioned Mrs Jewess' death - which was
quite a shock to me as I had not heard
of her being in delicate health. I feel
quite interested in knowing something more
particularly of her illness &c Had she any
of her children near her to receive her
last breath? There is indeed something
inexpressibly sad in these separations of
families, even in health and when Death
comes to lay its withering hand on the Parent
tree it seems tempted to increase the pang

when we are not near to receive a blessing
— smooth with our tender care the way
to that valley of shadows — Poor lady she did
not long survive her husband. indeed
she must have felt that "her occupation
was gone." when her cherished invalid was
no more to claim her time & care. Most
truly do I sympathize with dear little Mary, for
she must be overwhelmed with sorrow by
such repeated blows. I hope however that the
very exertions which her love for her
husband will prompt her to make to support
him through his difficulties will prove salutary.
for a wife alone can solace amid the frowns
of adversity, & we should all try to copy that
beautiful model which Washington Irving
has held up to our admiring eyes —

I was quite surprised to find the other day
in a little boy, who called at the door with
a variety of magic compounds for polishing
brass & silver, a son of that old Mr. Tachanah
who I remember to have become acquainted with
in my tour of duty for the African Benevolent Society.
he took one of our children you recollect but
gave her up upon suspicion of her dishonesty.
I well remember his appearance, & was not a little
astonished to see in his son a remarkably fine
looking lad with an excellent address.

a new, indeed each hour throughout the day. - I must
trust to those who are near her to give me frequent & partic-
ular accounts of her. - Henrietta & myself are alone
to day our husbands having gone to the County to bring
home Mother & Cecilia who have been recruiting
for the last week in the neighborhood. - Henrietta

see her & their husband there, as
in a perfectly healthy & delightful
situation. Give my love to her &
dear kind & to Uncle Sam & Thine -
I hope that our dear Father is no longer
detained as I am anxious that he
should be back again - He should be
be near the fire - It were to him
they should stop - I am
dearest & best pray for him
Thine

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bids me send her love to you & I know my husband
would have a kind message of affection for you, were
he here, so you must receive it from me, & extend it
with much love to dear Sara Julia & Lizzie - do me
part - I would not be so selfish as to wish Sara Thuddee
to be removed any further from her dear Mother but
should such be Uncle Sam's pleasure I hope for mine
that it may be at the Augusta Arsenal, for I would then