

Wednesday Morning

I am grateful my beloved Girls for your
very affectionate letters. They spoke to the sorrowing heart
the kind words of comfort and sweetly proved the power
and value of consoling friendship. My poor Aunt
was not indeed insensible to your kind sympathy, and
within yourself they acknowledged it with gratitude.

They were all as well, and as composed as it is
natural to expect, and in these hours exertions to
support, this severest trial, human nature is subject to
and their tender anxiety to console each other for their
bereavement, they in a manner relieve their own deep
grief, and assist the endeavours of their friends. - but
their calamity is not to be borne without weeping
and to mourn, Nature and God permits - and they
acknowledge the justice & mercy of him who has sustained
them through their hour of trial - and who sustained
her to meet with resignation his almighty fiat.

The closing hours of my lamented and venerable Parent
were religiously calm - He entered the valley of death

as one in the full hope of heaven's brightness beyond -
Mourning by those she best loved on Earth - her poor
afflicted children are left in the comforting reflection
that the best Efforts of their lives has been dedicated to
her relief - Nature will have her way - and time
alone must do the greatest work. - My valued Mother
has not suffered from the late severe exertions of body
& mind - indeed they more more than I thought she was
capable of - I am at this time very much engaged
my dear Jib. and can send you but a line - but
you must believe it is accompanied by as much
sincere affection as if twice the number unfolded
it. My dear Uncle is quite well - and as you may
judge a comfort to us all - it seems he has been
spared the violence of his former attacks - the better
to support a heavier trial - indeed he has entirely
escaped the smallest attack of asthma - and with
my dear Father has borne this stroke with more
firmness and composure than I calculated upon -

all here join me in best affection to you my
dear Jib - Uncle is unwell at not receiving a letter
since Friday last - is very anxious about Gratz - I hope
he will hear tomorrow - God bless you both -

always believe me the sincere attachment of your
Richard

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