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Bizarre Wednesday A. M.

I wrote to your sister last week, but detained the letter from an extreme repugnance to appearing obtrusive-- However, there is something so sacred, so hallowed, in misfortune, it seems to authorise my addressing every amiable person altho' not intimately acquainted with them--- There is a degree of opposition which reduces the mind to it's Native simplicity- I am instinctively prompted to exercise all the Frankness of a complete Rustic-- Several years ago I conceived an idea that you and Mr. Johnston were inimical to me, this apprehension (nayfirm conviction) made me withdraw on all occasions; and once, impelled me to violate some Laws in the code of Punctilia--having infringed the precepts of Civility from a belief that I was obnoxious to you-- I, subsequently, felt an augmented desire to cultivate an acquaintance with your family. You possess too much genuine Philanthropy to deem me an Intruder at present, I am fully persuaded-- Your Mama inspired me with confidence in my advances, by kindly saying your Sister wou'd have visited me in Albemarle had she not made an excussion from the neighborhood at the period of my going thither-- After this assurance there cannot exist any reluctance to an intercourse with me--

The evening preceding Judy's departure, she desired me to place her little Protege with you, when I left Bizarre--I shall remain during the whole time of her absence, and some weeks after her return, at the dear sequestered spot, therefore, deem it consistent with propriety to detain Sally-- I consign this scrawl to your clemency. You will ever posses my esteem and affection.

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