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Dear Hettie

It has been a long time since you received a letter from me but as I have been taken lately with a mania for letter writing I thought I had as well write to you while the fever raging but the purport of this letter is to correct a mistake Mar made in her, she wrote to invite you down in February thinking it was the time you came before, after being informed of her mistake she payed me a quarter of a dollar to write directly for fear you might pospone your visit untill that time, I expect

before you finish reading this foolish scratch you
will come to the conclusion to pay a quarter rather
than receive another of the same discription.
You wished I might go to Baltimore I certainly want,
but was not as green as you might suppose considerin
it to be the first time I ever visited town to give
you a discription of what I saw would be utterly
impossible from the pen of so ignorant a creature
as my self so I must leave it all to your vivid
imagination. We have a choir at Bellimis oh!
you ought just to hear us sing it only needs an
organ to make it perfect harmony. Give my
love to Verlinda and tell her she must certainly
accompany you hither this Winter although
Lucie says there will be so many of the
Buckingham ladies in the County we will be
thrown in the shade never the less we will
give her one or two because at any rates if she
will come, Brook is still unmarried and besides
there are many others candidates for matrimony.
Pa is very much mortified at your not wantoning

his name in your letter he has gone to Mr Holts to sell a dozen Turkeys for Mar so you see you are not the only one in the world thats selling fowl. Bunnie says if you wrote to her she has never received your letter and she wishes you to write again. Lucie left here last Tuesday she has one of the sweetest babies you ever saw Mr S speaks of purchasing a farm in Middlesex Milly sends her love to you and the children and says she looks forward with pleasing antici=pation to your arrival. Kiss the children for me and let them know they have an Aunt Engy Mar with all the rest of the family are very well and I expect would send their love were they in the room with me but as my letters seldom ever carry love especially when it is not sent. Excuse all mistakes bad writing and & and be ye well assured you have a place in the affections of Engy.

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