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Oak Hill. London: Dec. 17<sup>th</sup> 1829 —  
Thursday night.

My dear Sir

I received by the mail this morning your letter of the 14<sup>th</sup>. Its contents gave me great pleasure, as much pleasure as I could feel under the distressing circumstances which I have always feared, and which have now actually occurred. of your letter therefore I shall say no more now. The circumstances are these.

On Saturday last Mrs. M. received a letter from Mr. M. the hand writing of which indicated great debility. In this he speaks of his continued indisposition, and of his resignation of his seat in the Convention. It was with difficulty that I dissuaded Mrs. M. from setting out immediately for Richmond. I now deeply regret that I did so. The mail of this morning brought to Mrs. M. a letter from Mr. M. desiring Eliza to come down without delay. I also got a letter from Mr. Barnard, of the most friendly character, offering to her service his house & every thing in it: also two letters of the same date (the 14<sup>th</sup>) from Mercer, speaking of Mr. M's indisposition, and intreating Mrs. M. not to lose a moment in setting out for Richmond. — altho these letters do not speak of Mr. M. as being in ~~any~~ imminent danger, yet the fact of their being written, proves that he is extremely ill. — Mrs. M. has therefore set out this afternoon, gloomy as it is, for Alexandria, where I hope she will arrive tomorrow in time to take the Steam boat for Fredericksburg in the afternoon. If she goes on, as we hope & trust she will without accident, she will be in Richmond,



on Saturday about 12. o'clock. — You will readily perceive that I could not accompany Mr. H. — Mr. M. could not be left alone. Mr. H. did not hesitate a moment —

Inclosed is a letter from her to Hostemia, to whom you will communicate the substance of this letter in the way which your own feelings & judgment shall prescribe. — I confess to you that I have very little hope; but if Mr. H. can reach Richmond in time, I shall not despair of his recovery. She can do more for him than all the faculty. — Sincerely & affectionately

W. friend  
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