

Nancy Randolph  
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Citizen Sarah George Tucker

Williamsburg

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I should have written to my most beloved  
Mrs. Tucker when Fanny went down, had it been in my  
power; but at that time, I had scarcely escaped from the  
Jaws of Death. It is true I went to Brett Randolph's the  
day preceding her departure. Tho' unable to sit up in  
the Carriage, my motive for going was, to endeavor if  
possible, to dissipate the gloom which almost destroyed  
me; indeed, I felt too nearly broken-hearted, to suppose  
my small portion of reason would any longer support  
the melancholy reflections which involuntarily crowded  
on my mind. I took up my pen to prove  
that I am never a moment unmindful of one whose friend-  
ship for me, has ever since I was blessed with it, been the  
greatest comfort of my life - Yes indeed are they! You will  
oblige me extremely, my very dear Sir, by saying, what your  
opinion is, of my having promised to visit my Sister Jane

Do you think I shall deserve censure for it? A Quondam  
friend of mine (for whom I retain a sincere regard)  
will consider it in a dreadful light. Alas! I know  
not what to do. My judgment is very weak, I confess  
it in this case, indulges the feelings of an heart which  
cannot be estranged from those once irrevocably  
dear to it. ~ Heaven knows, how truly I can say, that  
"Nature has done with her resentments" in me.

I rejoice to hear of your good health, and Mrs. Tucker's  
Mrs. Nelson told me she looked charmingly, ~ I am  
so delighted at dear Beverley's thinking me worth his  
notice, that his letter will certainly be answered.

Every thing, like affections, is vastly soothing, to one whose  
morning of life has been as cloudy and tempestuous as  
mine. ~

Present my warm love to Mrs. Tucker  
Fanny, and the Children. Pardon this almost illegible  
scrawl, and believe me ever your fondly attached friend

A. Carter

Handwritten notes in the top right corner, including the name "Mary Tucker" and the date "Sept. 10. 1771".