

God bless you, and all who are dear to you - pray sin:

Sincerely, your most truly affectionate A. C. M.

P.S. As every thing is either increased, or diminished, by comparison, it is likely that what seems trivial to me - appears momentous to you who never knew the honor of being surrounded by foes -

Bizans February 8<sup>th</sup> 1799

Amid the succession of trials which have fallen to my lot - I never found one much more agonizing than that inflicted by my beloved Mr. Tucker's disregard of a letter, which he would not condemn, if he were acquainted with the circumstances attendant on my being thrown in the power of two persons, who have transferred their mutual and unbounded resentments to me - This is not the first time I ever became the victim of my Sister's animosities - Never had I an enemy, until she was made an object of division among her relations, for the indulgence of some chimera, and was at the same period accused of tyrannising over her husband, and little Sister, who then lived with her - My voice, alone was heard in her defence, until I fell a sacrifice to the friendship which she now says is a pretence proceeding from interested motives - She has prepared me for any mortifications from your family, by informing me of the different lights in which we appeared to the members of it - Believe me

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Citizen Saint George Tucker

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Mrs Henry Kinsley  
July 8<sup>th</sup> 1799

Post

The day on which I appeared before your father's indignation, when she was expressing her opinion, I observed that I could not help but be some - "I and my father had lived at Mr. M's - His kindness was attended w-

Dear Sir, To retain a sincere affection for Tudy, notwithstanding her avowed aversion to me - and my heart must bleed when ever she compels me to mention her in a style of disapprobation - She exults when I lose a friend, and does not scruple to declare that she always entertained a "despicable opinion" of me, with the additional assurance of poor Richard's having, thought most unfavorable of me - To the younger part of your family I have been painted in these odious colors, when present or I should not have intruded the subject on you. Could I have supposed when my sister's time was spent in incessant complaints to me, of the treatment which she received from others, that I should experience the effects of enmity, which from her own acknowledgment had been long suppressed - I do not wish to murmur at any event - but as my being obliged to leave Bizarre, is very probable. I treat you not to ascribe it to the total want of virtue to which all my actions are imputed by my sister and Jack - with respect to him, my conscience smiles me for listening to the circumstances related of him, without

reflecting on any cause by which his error might have been extenuated - The letter I returned him was an assurance that his only consolation arose from the hope of assisting his Brother's family - Tudy, numbered among Richard's enemies "whom she would never forgive" the person by whom she then declared herself to be cruelly oppressed - however, his dislike to me, is in her mind, sufficient to expiate every fault - altho she was the sole cause of it - To her, my demeanor shall remain unchanged - my attentions have survived every unkind accusation and reproach that can possibly be put since she called me "the blaster of her happiness" I have considered my intrusion here, quite unpardonable. there is but one mode of removal left for me - Alas! when I had a Father, my company was solicited, by my sister - I lamented extremely not seeing your Brother - when he, was here, I was a wretched exile. indebted to any one, who took me to their house - When I am gone to a better world, think of me, as an ill-fated Being, whose errors were not those of the heart