

Bizarrre March 8th 1800.

In truth, my most beloved friend
your letters do possess a mighty, irresistible charm.
Nothing else occurs which has power to dissipate
the gloomy habit of my soul, they, so variably
do, for a time, and in those moments of suspensi-
on I indulge the long lost hope of regaining an
ascendancy over the feelings of my heart. I would
not ask of heaven an exemption from sorrow,
because I am conscious of not meriting it, but
merely wish to elude those viscerally agitating
emotions which have sometimes threatened
a total privation of reason, when wounded on
all sides, without a prospect of obtaining any
relief except by a passage thro' the gates of Death.
However, this is only a probationary state, and
I employ every little respite allow'd me, in en-
deavors to strengthen my resignation.
It were vain to attempt expressing my ardent

Nancy Randolph

March 6. 1800

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Williamsburg

Elizabeth and George Tucker

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desire to see every member of your family,
my separation, is a subject which I dare not
dwell on. I have a plan, the execution of
which, will bless me with your society, when
you visit Tudy again. I remember Mrs. Turner
Tom, the Boys, and Doll, with every sentiment
of the most tender affection; it is almost an
insult tho't to include Henry, with the boys.
My sister has written both to Fanny and your
self.

Your sweet village is as agreeable
now as it can possibly be. I understand, it was
ever so, in my opinion. Tell Beverley,
in pity, to comply with his promise of saying
something to one who loves him most
fondly;

Adieu dear Sir, May hea ven
requite all your kindness to me! Yours
with the utmost warmth of regard -

A. C. R.