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My gratitude is of a very restless nature, and I should have found it utterly impossible to restrain its effusions thus long, had not an epidemic disease of the eyes assailed me: Altho' my sight is not yet perfectly restored, I hasten to pour forth those assurances of affection which are too powerful to be suppressed - your heart, I know, will pardon the tedious which may attend such reiterated declarations of regard - I generally write in despite of many impediments - want of agreeable incident is frequently the primary obstacle - the peculiar destiny allotted me appears to have palsied my mental faculties - or, probably, Nature's gossimonious mood prevailed when they were exercised - the human mind is never deficient in that species of ingenuity which enables it <sup>to</sup> conjure up expedients for palliating its own errors - perhaps the native energy of mine is precisely sufficient to render it fruitful in modes of extenuating its apparent sterility - I involuntarily adopt the language of apology - feeling conscious that some amelioration is necessary - However, my only firm reliance, for obtaining those indulgences which my stupidity really

requires, is on your unbounded clemency = Some time ago  
I was speaking to our little Father respecting you, he entreated  
permission to write, and after finishing his letter, wrote  
a copy of one for his brother, addressed to you. I never witnessed  
a more interesting scene between two little creatures =

Now, my most beloved Friend, I confidently indulge the hope  
of seeing you every year of my life = to be again blessed with  
your society is the paramount wish of my heart = earnestly  
do I trust you will employ some intervals of leisure in visiting  
poor dear solitary Bizarre = You will write with me

in lamenting the untimely fate of Mrs. C. Harrison = she  
ate supper with an excellent appetite = then sang her infant  
to sleep = and went to bed with her two daughters = Mrs. H.  
was in Richmond = the servants were all dismissed when  
she retired to rest after remaining quiet some hours, she  
arose and threw several pieces of wood on the fire. then  
returned to the girls, and, complaining of a sick stomach,  
requested one of them to bring the basin to her. when  
the child approached, she made an effort to rise but  
fell back on the pillow and expired instantly with-  
out a single struggle =

Tell Mrs. Tucker, Polly, Henry, and Charles, they each,  
possess my cordial regard = Judy sometimes hears from  
Colon Grove = I truly long to see dear Fanny and her sweet  
little Charles =

Believe me, with perfect esteem,  
and pure filial tenderness, your unalterably affection-  
ate Ann C. Brando =

Ms. You will certainly think my brain diseased when I  
tell you that I sat up a whole night, about a month ago,  
reading a novel =