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by the last Mail - You will scarcely be able to decipher this - burn it my dearest friend, and all my scrawls - I write in haste, with the paper in my lap - surrounded by a large family of wild children who are too fond of me to be reproved.

What would I give to be at dear Bizans with my Darling boys - and to take a walk to the grave yard where I have ^{at} length succeeded in my attempts to rear something - There is ~~some~~ ^{at}

The harmony which reigns in this family, and James', is very soothing - I frequently walk from one house to the other, altho' there

tribuna flows between them - There is generally a boat ready - I forded one day on horse-back, when the river was extremely high - the animal carried me down among the rocks and would certainly have thrown me had I not received timely assistance - Whitman am

I wandering! Present my tender regards to dear Mr. Tucker - Dolly, and Charles - also to Henry and Beverley when you write next - with cordial gratitude

Your A. C. B. Edgehill July 7th 1804 =

How shall I find words to express the lively, and contending emotions excited by my beloved friend's unequalled benevolence: it is impossible yes! wholly so - Never did my heart palpitate more violently, for power to convey an idea of its feelings, than at this moment. I can only repeat an assurance of unbounded gratitude, veneration, and real Filial affection - Heaven will fully requite a degree of Virtue which is without a parallel - that conviction, is my only source of consolation in contemplating those obligations which would otherwise overwhelm me - Invariably, during the last six years, I have pursued a system pointed out by Reason as the only one adapted to my situation - its extreme regularity has enabled me to remain tolerably collected in all trials - the most material points were, to discipline my every feeling - and to reduce my wants within a very narrow compass - Uniform employment I consider essential - indeed, even the article of Diet was not forgotten when my plans were organized - they were all the result of reflection - and would, no doubt, have ensured me repose in the solitude of dear Bizans (how rich I am unalterably attached) if Mr. B: was, in reality, what she appears to every person at first -

I left Judy in her room after conversing in the most familiar and friendly manner with her - on returning in less than an hour, I found Maria and herself on the bed together. Unconscious of the lady's designs toward me, I approached & addressed my sister with tenderness for I can never cease to love her, and she was indisposed at the time, consequently all my regard was awakened - her reply evinced much displeasure - I endeavor'd to appease, without appearing to notice it - resentful answers at length imposed silence on me - still, I hoped the cloud would dissipate - Maria prevented that - and the next day Judy said to me what was sufficient to have sent any one, except me, out of her house immediately - I did not utter a single word - it was not in my power to speak - but I continued with her some days - Altho' Maria triumphed in the success of her schemes, she never summoned resolution enough to encounter my eye afterwards - There are numerous allowances to be made for Judy - her temper naturally warm, meeting with excessive indulgence for many years, and then exposed to causes of irritation, would always grow up to intemperate speeches - they never reached her heart I am con-

vinced - that - certainly must be good - Poor Soul! I fear she is destroying herself - Polly Harrison (who is friendly to all the world) has lately been to Bizarre - Judy informed her that she never went to bed earlier than two o'clock - and she seldom eats any thing but ice, and lettuce - I wrote to her last week, and trust she will answer my letter - I know you too well, my dearest Mr. Packer, to return what you enclosed - it is more than I should require in a year - I only need solitude, and the necessaries of life, until the period arrives for me to make my exit altogether - your letter contained a host of proofs of every virtue which the warmest friend to human nature has ever allowed it to be capable of exerting - pardon me - My ruling propensity has ever impelled me to the involuntary expression of every thought - an undisguised disposition has occasioned the most oppressive calamities of my life, and I have acquired great circumspection in particular cases - However, our native propensities will at times regain their influence notwithstanding every attempt to subdue them - Good Mr. Carrington enclosed your letter,