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The statement given of my situation, the other day, received not the least coloring from imagination but, on the next evening, brother John (who has little in his power, poor fellow) went to Ben Lomond for me - it was too late dearest Sir, to remedy what imperious necessity impelled me to, knowing you perfectly - I endeavored to feel as little as possible on the occasion - Expecting my brother F. M. B. here tomorrow I shall request him to decide exactly what suits him respecting my future residence - He writes affectionately to me - His wife, within the last few months, has declared herself very inimical to me. we parted two years ago, (the last time) affectionate letters and messages frequently passed between us - I intended going to Monticello & wrote to my brother to come for me. she would ^{not} permit him - nor will she assign any reason for her conduct. I have known her imbibe strong prejudice in two other instances toward absent persons. As to poor William, I thought myself on the most charming terms with him - wrote to

under that impression, requesting the small
favor of having my trunk sent from Prince
Edward - he paid not the least attention to
either - Such trials have I long encountered
from the quicksands of caprice - I really
care not what becomes of me now - a good
constitution cou'd alone have sustained me:
God bless you my beloved friend, since D^r
Upshaw informed me of your having sent
up yesterday I experience augmented dis:
tress - Various have been my views of this
world - but when confined at home
with the ague and fever, out of every persons
way - I cou'd not have suspected any one
wou'd prove sufficiently malignant to
attack my situation merely because it was
disagreeable - I trust the carriage re:
turned in safety - Send my love to dear
M^{rs} Tucker, Polly Berkeley and Henry
Heaven knows how dear you are to y^e
poor A. C. K.
Tuckahoe Nov: 6th

my remembrance
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