

The Hon^{ble}
Saml^l George Tucker
Williamsburg
Virginia

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My dear Friend

With tender sorrow I
just heard of Beverley's afflictions - and
that, Henry had not quite recovered -
Alas! this morning six months my best
and most fondly beloved Husband was
taken from me -

The Chancellor Kent and his
brother M^{rs} are Yankees and Presbyterians
The latter, after adding all he could to
my difficulties, refuses to renounce
the right of acting - "he has feeble
intellect and no heart" says M^r - Le May
de Craumont who employed him 9 years
as Clerk - M^r - Harrison's advice will
save me if the Chancellor is just - but
it is suggested that his prejudice
will decide against giving me time -
I wrote you that he had directed me to
file a bill in Chancery against D. O. S
creditors - so little hope have I of any
Justice that way that I wrote to attempt
obtaining a loan from some Capitalist in
M^r - Harrison

in Richmond, giving a mortgage on Morris
- in this case I can save an independent
Fortune for my Son - Otherwise, Forced
Sales must ruin us - Such Iniquity
as the Ogden's have carried on for money
is shocking to human feelings - if D. O.
- had common Honesty my Son would be
more wealthy than any one in this State
He, is quite a bankrupt M^r Harrison
tells me - and totally destitute of Truth

My Husband had no own brother. two
Sisters, one of married an Ogden the other
a Wilkins - the latter family are com-
ing over to my side - The old man has
been ill - as soon as I heard of it I
sent him every thing which could be
useful - old wine, old brandy etc -
he wrote an affectionate invitation
and I took my child to see him - He
is old - and in my power for he owes
the estate more than all his family
could pay - D. O. - applied to his
family for means to compromise with
me (all they have he cheated his Uncle
out of) they told him he might go to

Prison and get out as he could - he has
vowed never to see them again - M^r
Short is about to foreclose his mortgage
which my husband knew nothing of - he
holding me on the whole of D. O.'s land
He swindled at the Bank of America by
the same falsehoods which imposed on
my Husband - and there it was he made
over the balance of land to cheat
the Ogden two days after his Father's
death - Such is the state of New York
society that he is countenanced in
all this - except by those who have
suffered in the same way by him
themselves

If I can borrow money
to pay D. O.'s notes in the Bank I
shall ^{do} well yet - I paid in January
all I could raise for him -

God bless you my dear
Friend - present me affectionately
to your wife - My mind almost
sinks - I miss my dear Husband's
society more and more every day
Yours most cordially
and gratefully A. C. Morris