

The Honble

M. Seng Mather

Mary Morris  
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My dear Friend

The day on which I last wrote to you was one of Fatigue beyond description - one trouble has succeeded another - Trusting in God, I turn a deaf ear to New York sales which multiply about Mr. A - I have paid him a Fee of £100 as General retainer to the estate - He is certainly a most able Attorney - and one of the few Lawyers in New York who had not received Fees from David D. - Order out of the Money he swindled from us and others - It seems he considered if his deep plot of billaining should be detected he could expect no mercy from his uncle, if it succeeded he could spare the money spent in bribes - Two years ago he made us shut our doors against Colonel Morris for slanders of his own - and got his uncle's applause for Defending me from Calumny - As soon as the weight of executorship leaves me leisure I shall

call the public attention to the  
Reason my Husband did not pro-  
secute G. M. - His entire con-  
fidence in me will there be found  
his contempt for fabrications  
which he said from the first, no  
sound head or heart could be in-  
fluenced by -

God bless you - I  
intended writing more and better  
but was called on business, call  
me oft - I have no Overseer  
and my best pen is always kept  
for laborers acc<sup>ts</sup> - as all mine  
have been sold, I was low  
born and brought up among  
players and rogues -

with best love to  
M<sup>r</sup>. Tucker I assure you of  
my very grateful affection  
A. C. Morris

*[Faint, mostly illegible handwriting on the reverse side of the paper, appearing as bleed-through from the other side.]*