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My Dear Mary, (no more have I retired to my Chamber to spend a few moments in writing than a few lines I received your kind letter which afforded me much pleasure to hear from you; I am very sorry to hear you got your rest last but I am in hopes you will be well, you must put some penic wash wet with vinegar to it. But worst than all this Mary I am so sorry to think you have fallen so desperately in love with Percy I am inclined to think from your connecting are you afraid to entrust me with another secret, believe me I would tell John any more of your secrets, I will only tell him my own if I must tell him some, I begin to think your beam about the bundle of arraigned penic; tell me is it not? But beware dear girl last year, tell me should I have a victim of illicit love - O M. how hard it is to love and meet with mischievous disappointment in return - and yet the aggravation to think I must still love is worse than all - I may look not at me with such cruel scorn for even at this distance I can see you - and say not Sophia who would have believed it. for really I can scarce believe at my self - but I must tell you for you are the only friend in whom I can confide; this illness was I thought I could now gaze on neither the bloom of absence time so disappointment is sufficient to cure - surprising thought that I must still love and that love unsought. - O that he was beyond the troubled Ocean the veil his charms and torture me no more. I believe I friend that yours may be better repaid is my sincere wish - but it is not how you will ever have a friend to sympathize with you when adverse fortune frowns as well as me

to rejoice when "life's vale is blessed with flowers fresh".  
I heard a dialogue the other day between two gentlemen  
one was a candidate which I will tell you if you will  
remain not to let it make your vain. - it was this  
the candidate to his friend are you going to the corner creek  
meeting? yes was the reply. we will have Miss Eliza B.  
was it or if Eliza B. is married. Mary Ann too says I. B. goes  
for it her she is the finest soul of them all. but she has  
the most pleasant countenance I ever saw. and you may  
judge her disposition by it - was another reply. and now if  
you don't tell me who it was that flattered me so I won't  
tell you who they were that said so much in your praise. -  
it was Mr. Roberson that told me about the pink bag and  
the ribbon I made a mistake if I said black she told me  
blue. - I have had a lady to visit me from Montgomery  
state of Alabama her name is Elizabeth Ashley a very agreeable  
lady she has come on to see her relations but for her health. she  
gives me a fine description of the country - dears - hills & c. & c.  
she intends visiting the springs the week after the Comp meeting  
at Warm Springs - if you have any curiosity to see her, you  
must go up to the Springs and see her - I think you would  
be pleased with her - she is not handsome no very accomplish - I  
but very agreeable and not proud - I am quite attached  
to her for my acquaintance I have with her - she has a sister  
one or two by the name of Rosa I have not yet had the  
pleasure of seeing her - Elizabeth come in from Lumberton  
with Mrs. Brown she staid a night at Mrs. Robersons - spent a  
day here and returned to Lumberton - just long enough  
to get all the beans in a confusion - she none saw her  
but Mr. Roberson -

I suppose you will be at the ball in Elizabeth  
to morrow night - I hope you may enjoy yourself if you  
are - I have a ticket but after thanking the managers  
for their attention I will choose to decline going this time.  
we had great doings up here yesterday Electioneering and  
speaking - Mr Wright and Mr Gilmore spoke Melvoin also  
I forgot him - they say Mr Gilmore's speech was very good  
I should like to have heard it - I have  
been to see him again and is very sociable - he never comes  
except when he is electioneering - I wish he may be elected  
tell Mr Andrew to sure and get him all the votes down  
there and do you get all the girls to vote for him he  
appears as much concern'd about their votes as the gentlemen  
but I reckon he does not feel as much - he has a very  
reasonable perceivable desire to become popular among both  
the girls and ~~boys~~ of this neighbourhood talks of going  
to the Camp meeting in a boat - I expect they will have a  
jovial time - I expected to have been one of the number  
but father says I shall not go in the boat for fear of  
up setting so I don't know how it will be mother has been  
pleading for me - she tells him I might as well be  
drown'd as to try my self to death - but if he wont let me  
go I will try my best as well as I can - for disappoint  
ment is my lot on every side - nothing more at present  
the family all joins me in love to you all - be sure  
and write me soon and tell me who he is that makes  
you so happy and I may you not be disappointed is the  
prayer of one that loves you and wishes you may be  
happy tho she is miserable. I am your affectionate  
Sister  
P. I tell sister we will begin to  
look for her to come up soon she must come.)

I have read through the Sky am very much pleased  
with it read James Traill's too - and am now reading some  
books called Women on our Country I don't know you  
may know mine it I read Charlotte Tenaker last week I don't  
know when I shed so many tears as did for the poor  
degraded girl.

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