

Fairmount Wednesday morning  
October 28<sup>th</sup> 1846

My dear father,

Your letters of the 23<sup>rd</sup> to  
uncle and myself, came to hand yesterday  
afternoon by vizbil and I sent both over to  
uncle. I need hardly say that I read them  
with deep interest. I now much regret  
that Milard had not been taken to  
Philadelphia early in the spring: you  
would then in all probability have been  
freed the anxiety you now feel as to her  
return home - I hope we shall yet have  
two or three weeks of pleasant weather for  
you to go upon - letting you remain long  
enough for the doctor to do all that his  
skill can accomplish - If any risque is  
to be taken by her spending the winter with  
you will hardly consent for her to remain.

The next letter or two will inform us of  
your final determination - we shall wait  
with no little interest to be informed: be  
it what it may: we know it will be the result  
of your best judgment and most tender  
parental affection.

With the exception of little Mary our  
white family are all in good health:  
she was up early this morning, as usual

but very soon commenced vomiting and is now in bed looking very pale - it may be the approach of her attack but I hope it is the result of indigestion. Her eye is yet looking very ugly and is very tender.

This morning about  $\frac{1}{4}$  after 2 o'clock our faithful old friend aunt Esther breathed her last - throughout her illness she has exhibited surprising submission and patience - we shall miss her much - for 10 years we have given her the key of the house in our absence and never found the first article out of place; very watchful over our little ones to keep them out of harm's way - and a good providence over every thing about the cot. With but little mind she has acted well her part.

Aunt Maria at Bobbitts, yet holds on to life tho' as helpless as a child - she is well nursed by her worthy daughter Minerva - The health of the family taken in the general presents a better aspect tho' every day they return to the house saying that they are sick - I give but little medicine after they have been once well blessed - Sarah Cook has again been very ill - I was up with a good part of night before last. She is better again - tho' we have yet quite a number on the sick list we have no at this but avert

Wish that I regard in any mail - Uncle has  
some very sick - and his number is larger than ours  
- a death in his family - a child - on yesterday - he  
dines with us almost every day, comes just before  
and leaves immediately after dinner: and this about  
all that we see of him. Said yesterday his owners was  
of no service to him, should send him home until  
he got into good health. Copyer told me at The Mill  
on yesterday that our old acquaintance John Sullivan  
died night before last.

I have not been able to fix upon any day  
for leaving Home, for the south - I am trying  
get all well: and business all in a condition  
for me to leave it. I wish to see the general health  
of the family established - the repairs of the mill  
completed - the wheat crop all sowed - and arrange-  
ments made for the next year work and manage-  
ment and I am ready to be off - I have had an  
idea all along that I should get off during  
the 3rd week of next month - and that is  
about as near as I can come to it. I shall not  
go without seeing you and my sisters - I shall  
have to halt a day or two at Raleigh to have some  
little out fit made - The repairs at mill go on very  
slowly - found the Husk all rotten - Shall finish sow-  
ing wheat next week - shall finish picking out the cotton  
crop for the first time to-day - have 25 bales packed - I have  
about as much more in seed - All unite with me  
in best affections Ever your oft son P. L. Cameron

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Uncle has just sent a letter house for  
Margaret which should be mailed and  
received with this -