

Augusta January 25th 1813

With pleasure my dear Aunt do I take up my pen to acknowledge your favor dated 6th December and assure you of my unfeigned thanks for the agreeable intelligence conveyed. Spending your time to your satisfaction must be truly pleasing to a mind formed to enjoy congenial society such as you describe. Mr. Tucker and sincerely join in hopes of a continuance of her charming company.

Your interesting description of your grandsons are certainly promising. I cannot but admire the phlegmatic character yet at the same time confess I love prudence. The ambition of the former is perhaps better calculated for a more shining figure the latter a bag of gold. My own heart possesses qualities of a domestic turn.

Respecting your wishes in regard to my own situation I will endeavor my dearest Aunt to pourtray my feelings on the subject. I long wished to do so but was actuated by delicacy even committing my thoughts on paper and not from a want of confidence; to give you a full delineation of a character. I feel so deeply interested in it for the best reason to convince you of my views of happiness; formed by nature for domestic life education -

could not eradicate; the profession of law he could not reconcile to a mind above the little actions of those he was obliged to conform with to gain a livelihood and ill health together induced him to abandon a pursuit incompatible not for want of talents inferior to none at the Bar uniformly allowed his health continued for three years previous now I am glad to say entirely a published; there is something still necessary such as dulness of business indeed almost a total stop. Mr. Andrew Mack when moving to Florida took possession of his brother's property with his own consisting of negroes he has never received any benefit from them since at present he is in debt but would be distressed if returned.

Brought up together at least since I was twelve years of age now twenty one in November last; we were acquainted with each other's faults with a brotherly kindness would correct mine long before I viewed him in any other light; he instilled into my mind a love of merit and while my grateful heart returned his attention with gratitude imperceptible became sensible of his worth that in delicacy of manners and sentiments I could not find elsewhere my understanding was disgusted with superficial compliments gentlemen usually entertain young girls which caused me to return with double satisfaction to a more sincere conversation at home by degrees.

our hearts as well minds became assimilated and with
the sanction of our friends anticipated as much happi-
ness in an union as generally falls to the lot of human-
beings in that state; circumstances prevented the accomplish-
ment at that time such as I have related. They were unlooked
for experience convinces me (nothing is certain in this world)
I will strive to live with the disappointments of life with
reason however hard with my own actions I feel nothing
because me one moment uneasiness and hope always
to deserve my own approbation; I will no longer depend
on your time but conclude with information of my Brother
wellness and continuance of good behaviour. Uncle's
high expectations of his future progress
lost to him from George Town state William having
the navy as midshipman I cannot but feel pleased know-
ing the occupation he was engaged in did not correspond
with his inclination I am only sorry he had not done
so sooner from supposing he would have had a better
situation by this time — with kind remembrances to
Mr Gilmer I remain my dear Aunt your affectionate
Caroline House



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