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I wish my dear mother that Papa may be as good as his word and send me the remittance without which I can neither pay my visit to Baltimore nor leave Washington; I am becoming quite impatient and very apprehensive lest his delays should disappoint me in this much wished for visit - and after having spoken of it, (impatient I own it was to make any calculation or promise which depended for its fulfillment on such uncertainty) I shall feel considerably mortified if I am obliged to give it up. several ill-advised observations have already been made in consequence of my delaying so long to make the visit in question. I am not quite certain that 50£ will discharge some little debts that I have here, take me to Baltimore and pay my travelling expenses here. but I will try to make it do, it cannot fail for want of what I shall require, and if I find any little deficit I can write to you upon the first of May when I shall turn my face homewards. I am becoming anxious to quit this scene of tumult. It is a very agreeable thing to be a sailor, and of consequence, but it lays one open to remark, and I have been galled more than once by the malicious gossiping of people who have rather to do but never - in their spite against their neighbours. I have certainly reached years of discretion but I have not been sufficiently versed in the ways of the world to be a very skilful pilot though so troubled a sea, and my little bark has encountered several rocks and eddies which have at least made me long for the calm of <sup>an</sup> island lake. The joys of justice are after all like the prints of Pandemonium fair to the eye and exciting the appetite to deceive it with dust and ashes - I wish very much with Papa could be prevailed on to make some little exertion to relieve me it would only cost

me an order on the President for the money due him, it would at least be worth while to make a trial to get it. perhaps I had better write to him myself. I am so much afraid of his strange temper that I know not what to do and he might take it in his head to put a stop to my visit to Baltimore which really could not now be given up with any sort of propriety, and will add very little to the expenses I must necessarily incur whenever I put myself in motion - I think that the Great Father would be ashamed to refuse my application for so ~~peccy~~ a sum as 150<sup>£</sup> and I could use what I wanted and send the rest to Papa. to be sure it would be better to send me the 50<sup>£</sup> if he can and the order besides when I could probably get the money, whereas he never will, for it must be a powerful machine which induces our chief to pay a debt. I think he would not dare deny it to me ~~instructed~~ as I am a girl distant from my friends, and calling on him for a just due. However there is no answering for him. all the trust I formerly felt has been shaken to the foundation by ~~my~~ visit to Washington, when he is so much better known than elsewhere - if Papa would send me 50<sup>£</sup> and the order on Col. M. the money would be worth trying for. if I got it, and ~~then~~ happened to be a little deficit in my own fund, I could supply it and secure the rest for his use, and it is a doubtful point whether he ever gets it in any other way. — I give myself some little credit, considering how little I know how to lay out money, and how entirely nature has refused me the talent of economy for having spent four months in the gayest and most dissipated city in the Union, partaking of its endless variety of amusement plunged into the midst of its dissipations always preserved a decent appearance, ~~without~~ within the limit of my own stock and asking for a replenishment only when the change of season calls for some little share of dress and the prospect of a return home makes me think about travelling expenses - but no, if I had with me might have sufficed for all things, and I can only deeply regret that Nature refused me that prudence and frugality of temper which fortune renders so indispensably necessary. still I am very sure that that would give me this envied talent, and that it is only want of practice which induces me in unnecessary expen-

The experience of this winter has been of more service to me in teaching me to distinguish between necessary and unnecessary expense to know where to spend and when to spare, then all my preceding life. It has given me an insight into the mysteries of dress, the art-case of the toilette which I never before comprehended, and which I shall most probably never again be called on to exercise. I am pretty much in the situation of the Dutchmen's horse, who died just as he had learned to live without eating, just as I am learning how to live in town & shall perhaps be located forever in the country. However, I will indulge in no gloomy anticipations, I am returning home after a winter of enjoyment with a fresh stock of health and of spirits, to friends whom I leave with a love passing the love of woman.

Adieu my dearest mother, I will leave my letter open until to-morrow in case I should have any thing further to add or the mean time believe in the devoted attachment of your daughter

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