

Dear Jane

Ellen is still very sick this morning
not at all able to stand to try on her petticoats
this has brought to mind a subject that has been
talked over between us, considering how often she is
sick and how violent her attacks are, that she will
pass through all the great towns making some stops
in each, where of course she will be visited & dropping
and visiting, she will suffer very much for the
want of a maid, both in health and in sickness,
so probable on her ^{long} journey. she wishes that one of
your sisters would write to know where Charlotte is,
having heard that she is no longer in Mrs Smith's
service, and if it would be possible to get her
for the journey and to stay with her till she
went to house keeping, she would then pay her
expenses back, if she did not determine to keep
her, which I think myself the most probable
but to leave her self more latitude upon that
subject she would engage ^{her} only for some months
paying her by the month. if she can be procured
on those terms she would let her know when
she would want her and have her meet her
in Washington at Sister R - & probably
some time in June, when we cannot yet

Determine. Mr C. will probably be
here the latter end of next week. or the
beginning of the week after. till he comes
we can know nothing of future arrangements
but I presume if one of your vis. pers. will be
good enough to write immediately there
may be time still to settle that matter.
adieu yours in great haste but always
most affectionately
Wm. C. C.

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