My dear Mama,

We were very much disappointed not receiving letters from some of the family in the large packet which came to Grandpapa from Monticello, one of the girls might have written to let us know that you were well. We expect to be with you the last of the month and in the meantime are making very good use of our time; I have got through the Syntax, & have finished Corinna. Cornelia has been equally industrious — fortunately we have not been much interrupted by company. Mrs. Yancey & Mrs. Bradford called a few days after our arrival & Mr. Johnson, Mrs. Eason, Mrs. Simes, & Mrs. Wheelan joined our next party of visitors except these ladies & a few gentlemen who have visited Grandpapa. We have seen nobody. Cornelia & myself discovered a great likeness between Mrs. Johnson & Mrs. Carter; we were a little surprised at your admiring her so much; she appeared to us awkward & affected. Her sister Mrs. Eason is the very quintessence of vulgarity. Upon the whole she will please me however I like this place of neighborhood very much. I have to pay a part of my fine taxes every year.

Grandpapa has probably informed you (in his letter) that we are to have Marshall Sowden & Mr. Lee the Consul at Bordeaux, at Monticello in the course of the winter — that delightful season for visitors — Mr. Godfroy was so much delighted with the Natural Bridge that he has written to propose the purchase of it — the offer as you may suppose was declined. Jane will scream when the news of this and wonder concludes that the purchase money is to be deducted from the 700 dollars.
which formed the fortune of the family. As we heard of
them Jefferson's visit was one of the most agreeable surprizes
we could have received. I fear he will not give us such
another whilst we continue here.necessary now that we have
suffered and possessions return'd home.

Grandpapa tells of taking Uncle Eppes in his way home; we also
spoke of a Woman - perhaps stay all night there; in one
of the double visits, I fear our finances will scarcely hold out.

If you could get one or two dollars from people to distribute
in the road, it would be quite enough with what we have.

Adieu, my dearest Mother, give my love to all the fam-
ily and all the ladies for me - John Hammings makes frequent
enquiries after Sophy - I told him the other day that last year
when he left Monticello to come here, he had cried aloud.

Sheer miles of the road after taking leave of her. - If Mammytill
I must beseech enquiries after their husbands; so they are well.

Most affectionately your daughter

Do not let any body see this letter for I have really "out done
all my former outgoings." in it, and if I could spare paper would
really write another.

Cornelia begs you will send some blackberry leaves by the
boys. Adieu once more.