

\*Mr Charles Bankhead  
near Ann Cary Randolph

Monticello Nov. 14, 1814  
To  
Miss Virginia Randolph <sup>at 13 years of age</sup>  
at Dr Bankhead's Spring Grove  
Caroline C<sup>o</sup> Va

You were right in supposing My Dear Virginia  
That we would have written sooner but for want of your address. The moment  
we received it Mary wrote to you. I was very sick after you left us, the walk  
I believe was the cause of it, for I was taken with a violent fever and headache  
that night which confined me a week to my room. I expect your sister \*  
will stay down the country all the winter, if she should, and you wish to  
return home, Jefferson says he will go down ~~into~~ the gig for you when  
ever you wish. Mary has been very attentive in planting all your  
roots, I had the 2 beds near the house nicely prepared for you and her  
and they are so full that I expect I shall be obliged to give you 2  
more. any flower seeds that you send, shall be sown at the proper time  
I will send by Mr Bankhead all the volumes of Rollen that I have, if you  
wants them <sup>immediately</sup> so far from regretting that you began ~~that history~~, I shall  
rejoice, as perhaps you may be able to read it before you return and ~~possibly~~  
you may never have another opportunity of getting it. It consoles me for  
the loss of your company My Dear Virginia, which is a great sacrifice, when  
I think that you will have the advantage of your sister's attention. I have  
not time to attend regularly to my children, therefore you will do much  
more with her than with me. I have been so much engrossed by  
company that I have not had time to finish your housewife but  
will send it by Nancy God bless you My Dear Daughter your  
affectionate mother M

the bag with your gloves Ellen sent you & the little bag to  
little Ellen to whom Cornelia sends the housewife, Mary the  
scissors and the pin cushion & thimble tell her after seeing  
fixing her so well I shall expect her to help me with her  
work

Ellen Bantland Aunt Ann's only daughter.