

Albemarle 27th July [1820]

My Dear Nicholas

Altho I had determined to write to no one till I received copies to my letters, I can not resist the impulse of my heart to address my beloved Grand Son and to assure him of my affectionate solicitude for his health and happiness I am not uneasy at your long silence as I attribute it to your situation not affording you convenience for writing you. I am to your Brother and another to Mr. Rands 1st satisfied I may think which would have been surer without some intelligent mind of you, or from you, your Brother seems rather lazy about writing he began a letter to your Mother last week & yesterday if he had finished it he answered in the negative and observed that he hated to write in french I have not received a line from your Mother for a long time I write to your Grand Mother last week I can not divert my mind of fears for the safety of my friends when I am long without hearing from them I have little but their kindness to console me and if deprived of them miserable would be my lot, as it is I am not happy for I am a dependent and that can not be a pleasing reflection, it does not altogether originate in pride but from the idea of increasing the expenses of those who are really not in circumstances to support their own family without running in debt at the stores I shall not mention names but a large family moving in a certain sphere who see a great deal of company and who at least are circumscribed in their income it makes me unhappy to add to the number ~~of~~ ~~of~~ ~~of~~ I am better satisfied live in

obscurity - I am tired of the world and the the period is not distant when I shall quit it, unless it should be my fate to have my existence prolonged to very old age, I believe I should be satisfied with life if I had the means of remunerating those who are kind and attentive to me among a certain class but receive the services of any subordinate character and not have the means of making compensation is a wound that rankles in my heart, however I shall not dwell on the subject - I hope your remittances will arrive in due time to enable Browne to discharge all arrearages I understand there is about 130 \$ due Litch on your account Browne is so very reserved that I don't know how matters stand with him but believe that he has nothing before hand for he has not settled with Dr Carr yet, or Ferrill Carr I am afraid these midwiser difficulties in your getting your remittances ^{by} the arrangements in the Banks, it will therefore be incumbent on us all to observe the greatest economy The Boys came up as usual on Friday evening except Brown he did not come till Saturday in the evening they had a dance the weather was so very warm that Henrietta Plando's ph was laid up with a fever all the next day her parents sent for her yesterday I am sorry to see those lovely girls so delicate in their constitutions and indeed the young ladies of this family are always complaining I fear they will not any of them get husbands very soon I rec'd a note from Francis Johnson yesterday his health is bad if he don't mend in a few days he intends going to the Springs I heard yesterday that Mr Dism's health was mending, I believe I mentioned to you that all the windows at poplar Forest were broken by hail and that 600

bushels of wheat was destroyed the crops of wheat have been abundant
and the corn looks better than I expected considering the drought
but unless there falls more rain soon there will be but little made
we have had two or three trifling showers lately but not sufficient
to do much good your friend Mr. Mather is here for the summer
I believe I mentioned to you that she has taken up House keeping and
intends spending a year among her relations in this quarter and
then go to live in George Town your friend is living at the factory
in a sickly situation I am told that he is desirous of quitting the
world I believe Mr. M. would invite him here but for the dread-
ful smell that his leg occasions, how thankful we ought to be
for sound limbs may my Dear be careful of your health in
every respect, temperance and industry are to be attended
to if you expect to be independent and happy I wish to know
if you have given up your trips to New York and how
long you are to be incamped out by the bay I can
see the utility of being confined to tents when you
can have a House over you, for you can soon learn that
when there is a necessity for so doing, you never mention
what had become of Capt. Bliss, It gives me pleasure
to hear that your commander is so great a favorite
I had known I was mentioned to see your name the last
on the list, he observed that I might be happy that you
were on the list, ^{at all} as there were very few in comparison
to the number of Students but I observed that was no excuse
for I was satisfied that you had talents sufficient to be
at the head if they were exerted, how ever I shall say no
more on the subject but look forward for greater cause of exult-
ation I tenderly long to see you but with endeavours to see you

absence with fortitude as it will be for your advantage and at
any rate we shall not be long together if we ever do meet

My health is better than it was last summer tho I feel infirm
but that is to be expected at my time of life my memory fails
me and my head is weak which I make no doubt you perceive
by my letters. The family dont know that I am writing you

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I do suppose they would desire to be remembered, I should
be glad to get to my niece again, tho I should be satisfied if
I was more independent in my circumstances to live the
remainder of my days in a home. I beg you to burn
my letters as soon as read that no eye but your own may
read them (pray was Fairfax and Buragland reinstated
God bless and preserve you and may you be all that I wish
and believe me your affectionate grand father C. Trist