September 24, 1807.

I cannot let the other day’s event pass without expressing my sentiments on the subject. I cannot but wish all good wishes for the Mountains and the health of the dear family. I would fain hope you would favor me with one line, saying all was well.

It would be most grateful to my soul—

If your amiable Father is with you,

I tender our best affections to him—

I am most tempted to ask the favor of his instrument this winter. Indeed, if I was certain his new one had come to hand would accept his friendly offer. I beg you to send me a
little solemn music as it is now one of the greatest gratifications I have on earth Should I please my self with the hope of enjoying the company of your self & family at Eppington this winter it would delight us all—

Adieu my dear. Praying that every blessing this life affords may attend you, the sincere prayers of

Your affectionate aunt

E. Eppes

nee Elizabeth Wayle. Ralph Ester of

grand-grand mother of cousin

Francis Eppes

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