

Withoak Childrest March 15, 1859

Caroline My Dear Daughter

I hav [have] neglect [neglected] writing
 to you sence [since] I received your good letter,
 I know your health was better as soone [soon] as
 I redd [read] your letter, it was chearful [cheerful] I was thankful
 now I hope it is still improving in your
 last days may be the best you hav [have] good incurgement [encouragement]
 to perceive when you remember me poor
 old Mother yet walking an talking as much
 as ever an [and] praise God for his mercis [mercies]
 I was so thankful to hear you say your children
 were all well an doing well I am always
 ancious [anxious] for [unclear] an fearful he wont hold
 out, tho hope he will you must always incurag [encourage]
 him he is so young an will make a man
 of grate [great] distinton [distinction] if he only will pearsule [pursue]
 you say he will come Home this somer [summer]
 I hope he will come an see me all his relation
 hear [here] will be proud to see him, now Caroline
 I hope you are a making your arrangements [arrangements]
 to spend the somer [summer] with me come with
 dont say you cant come it may be my
 last so I want you to come as you are gitting
 well I know it will finily [finally] [unclear] you so come
 I know the [unclear] wont object an come hom settle will
 now what can I say to poor Lousa She seems
 always so undecided [undecided] I hav always felt a grate istrust [distrust]
 in all her matters aspecily [especially] in her [unclear] [unclear] is change
 Better or worse he has always lived free an happy or I
 set her Mary how she will a slave from that time
 the balance of her life, so don't hirry without well
 pleased I hav told her time enough yet I say so yet
 it not pleased redistrict the [unclear] will come time enough
 tell her I want to see her heas [he's] wonst [once] more before
 her name is changed She must come with you an
 [unclear] now talk all this over an over with her
 an tell her to be contented an happy as she [unclear] an
 think of her [unclear] Mary, situation to hers &
 anough ses Lousa

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now at last I am hear at Home
 left alone William is gone to see his
 family go