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My Dear Daughter

I have hoped to hear from you by every post, and to learn how your Health is. I have not heard from the Valley since the 27^d of April, William's account then of his Father's Health left me anxious for him. He wrote me, that as soon as his Father was able, he design'd taking a house, or lodgings at Utica, he will then be near to you, and in the midst of a Society, which may enable him to recover his spirits, and restore his Health; for two years past, he has had Cough, year break, and losing year earth, ^{The ties of affection} ~~String~~ after ~~String~~ is severed from the heart, may we be supplied with pure, and more durable pleasures from above. While we are popping off the stage a new generation, succeeds, to supply our places, and your own Family are not tardy in this respects. I have to acquaint ^{you} by Susan's desire, that there is an officer, a Lieut from the U.S. Independence with whom she became acquainted at Hingham, who first saw her at a ball there, altho no dancer himself, it seems he was seriously smitten, as the good Hingham folks say, got introduced to her, and whenever she retired from the dance, pleased himself by her, entering into conversation with her. While she remained at Hingham, he requested - by visited there; then asked permission to visit here, after repeating his visits here several weeks, he has declared his attachment, and she refered him to me. His name is Glash, native of New Maryland his whole deportment, has been solid; modest and pleasing, his