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My Dear Brother,

I have been expecting to hear from you every day, for this month past; but have not received a line. I have been in Boston several weeks, and after my return, was confined to the house, with an inflammatory sore throat, so I should have written long before this.

Sir Clark leaves tomorrow, for Washington, and Georgetown, his sister and uncle reside there, and he will be absent more than a month; this gentleman is a rich, old bachelor, and very much attached to Charles. When his father died, this uncle took the management of the estate, into his own hands, as Mrs C. was then, quite a child, and through negligence, the property was pretty much wasted away. She has always promised to make Charles, her heir, his estate is worth about 50 thousand dollars, but Mrs C. desires to feel dependent upon a person, and I believe intends obtaining a furlough, and going to the East Indies for the purpose of bettering her fortune; poor fellow, he has seen enough of this world's vicissitudes, to enjoy a degree of happiness; but his determination to see every exertion in his power to obtain a comfortable support, we have consented calmly upon the subject, and think it more prudent, to wait a year or two, before undertaking them ourselves.