

difficulties, and embarrassments. We know that I have nothing, and we cannot live upon the pay of a Lieutenant. We have other property, but not sufficient. I do not require wealth, but it is no small expence to maintain a family, and I have seen misery enough result, from marrying upon nothing: My dear <sup>Mother</sup> I wish you knew Mr Clark, you could not help loving him, he is so amiable and good. we talk a great deal of you, and have wished for you a thousand times.

Caroline will be here in September, it has been a great source of consolation to her, since the death of her dear Father, that she was able to be with him, in his last moments, and bestow those attentions, which smooth the pillows of disease, while it gratifies our own feelings. she says you live delightfully and all looks happy and contented. I am glad she saw you for it was a source of gratification to your Child, to hear from any one who had been with my dear Mother and Sister.

Grand Father, and Grand Mother, enjoy their health charmingly, and have grown quite disipated, for they were at two parties this week, and are going to another tomorrow: every body appears, so happy to see them out again, that it is delightful to attend them. I remain at home, as my taste for parties, has diminished, and Mr Clark is not fond of much company. He desired me, when I wrote to present his respectful and affectionate remembrance, to you, and my Brother and Sister, in which he is cordially united by your dutiful, and attached Daughter

S<sup>t</sup> Helens.

L.S. Will you say to Sister, that our friend Lucy Greenleaf, is engaged to her Cousin, Henry Dows, from Baltimore, a worthy, amiable, young man. The reading party diminishes, no one left, but Louisa Marston, Eliza and Mary Ann, the latter has just had a wen taken out of her throat, the operation was a painful one, but she is getting well past.