

Nashville October 27th
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My dear Madam.

Your letter of the 18th arrived in very good time for I had began to conclude that my friends were either all dead or had forgotten me entirely, I have had no reason however to complain of you for you have continued to write although I have been so poor a correspondent. Cousin Nannette & my other friends have not I hope had the same apology for not writing that I have had, sickness; my baby though in good health had so very sore a neck that she required my constant attention and I have been nursing sick negroes all the summer as this country has been unusually sickly; I shall now have time, ~~to answer all the letters~~ ^{to answer all the letters} all the letters my friends will be so kind as to write. I was very glad to hear that Marg. Ross and Cousin Nannette were going to Washington as they will be great company for Mama. I am again a Widow for a short time; Mr Edwin left me two weeks since for Alabama and I am to remain here until he returns which will be in three or four weeks, when we shall go to the Country until December; we shall then go to