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Lewistown 13<sup>th</sup> Apr 1811

Dear Aunt

I have seen a letter which you wrote to my mother from Albany in which you request her to inform you how they all do at Buffalo and appears to feel an apprehension that some disaster was about to befall the family (You foreboding I was but too well founded) I have just returned from Buffalo where I waited upon my father while he breathed his last. He died on Thursday the 5<sup>th</sup> instant about 9 o'clock in the morning. His disorder was of the breast. In this letter end of June he took a violent cold with a severe cough occasioned it is believed by being over heated at making hay the weather at the time being extremely warm. He soon after began to complain of a great pain in his side & an imposthume was evidently formed which carried him off. When I arrived at Buffalo on the Saturday before his death I found that mother & the family were not so much alarmed as I was that is they had still hopes of his recovery for myself I had none. In expectation of the events which took place I got Charles Wilson to go to Pine creek for Aunt Simmons. They did not arrive until Thursday in the afternoon. Mr Simmons has been in bad health for some time she looks very ill at present I intend to go over again to Buffalo in a few days she has consented to stay there until I return. My dear mother bears her affliction with pious resignation & true Christian fortitude. I believe & hope that no lasting impression will be made by it on her health or spirits. Jane is more depressed. We had frequent conversations about you at Buffalo we all spoke of how fortunate it would be & how happy we should feel should it so come to pass that you & Margaret could spend the approaching winter with us. I fear however that this is rather to wish for than expected. What think you of it?



If you have not upon the receipt of this letter made arrangements  
incompatible with such a design & health & other circumstances  
will permit I am sure you never will have it in your  
power to make a visit to your friends at Buffalo at a more  
acceptable time With respect to a visit from our good aunt  
Richardson we say the same that we do to you Mary at but  
we have little expectation of seeing her at a season of the  
year which might not admit of her returning home ~~in~~  
for a considerable time — There is nothing farther that  
now occurs to my recollection that I ought to mention to you  
give my love to all friends Remember me particularly to our  
good aunt Richardson assure her that I think of her often  
and never without the most unforgotten respect & affection

I am dear aunt very truly

Yours &c  
W. P. Mallay

P.S. My friend W. Norris has been in bad health for the  
last 2 months lately he appears somewhat better & I entertain  
hopes that with the change of the season his health will improve



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