now & hereafter — From your books I calculate to take many a leaf — particularly in the housekeeping line when it shall become necessary, for the present I shall be spared the trouble, no uncomfortable reflection for one of my lazy, Austen says, thinking habits —

I suspect the Dr's Lady will quite eclipse my best exertions & therefore am content not to enter the field with her — From all I hear I am much pleased with his choice & anticipate much happiness from a strict intercourse with her

If you should see our friends at the Mount remember [illegible] to them all — It is dark & I have time only to add my regards to your husband & to beg you to accept every assurance of undiminished affection from your

Abby

Poor Mrs Sands I understand has had a severe trial! Hope your children have escaped the prevailing distemper so fatal to her little girl & which threatens so seriously her sweet Lucretia