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My dear Aunt

The loss you have lately experienced in the death of my uncle, is of that kind that condolence cannot relieve its severity, but I trust that you will receive with the same kindness that you have ever shewn me, the expression of my regret & sympathy.

My husband & myself were with him the afternoon before his decease, And we then flattered ourselves that he would enjoy many days of health and happiness. his own expectations appeared to be the same, And his chearfulness and kindness were as great as formerly. Though the last day of his life was a happy one, all his friends here feel strongly the disappointment of their hopes & most earnest wishes. His memory will be ever dear to those feeling minds who regard with pleasure talents combined with domestic virtues.

I hope my dear Aunt that you will not determine on residing in Middletown, which can only recal recollections which must now be soothed. You know that we live retired in the country, near your friends in New York and not too distant from your connexions in Connecticut. If you will come & spend as much time with us as you find agreable Mr Gibbs will come on for you. And we should both be gratified in receiving this proof of your regard We promise you retirement & quiet, our affectionate attentions & the caresses of our dear little boy.