Bizarre Wednesday A. M.

I wrote to your sister last week, but detained the latter from an extreme repugnance to appearing obtrusive— However, there is something so sacred, so hallowed, in misfortune, it seems to authorize my addressing every amiable person altho' not intimately acquainted with them— There is a degree of opposition which reduces the mind to its native simplicity— I am instinctively prompted to exercise all the frankness of a complete rustic— Several years ago I conceived an idea that you and Mr. Johnston were inimical to me, this apprehension (nay firm conviction) made me withdraw on all occasions; and once, impelled me to violate some laws in the code of punctilio— having infringed the precepts of civility from a belief that I was obnoxious to you— I, subsequently, felt an augmented desire to cultivate an acquaintance with your family. You possess too much genuine philanthropy to deem me an intruder at present, I am fully persuaded— Your Mama inspired me with confidence in my advances, by kindly saying your Sister would have visited me in Albemarle had she not made an excursion from the neighborhood at the period of my going thither— After this assurance there cannot exist any reluctance to an intercourse with me—

The evening preceding Judy's departure, she desired me to place her little Protege with you, when I left Bizarre—I shall remain during the whole time of her absence, and some weeks after her return, at the dear sequestered spot, therefore, deem it consistent with propriety to detain Sally— I consign this scrawl to your clemency. You will ever possess my esteem and affection.

Ann C. Randolph.
Brazos Wednesday 2d. Mo.

I wrote to your sister last week, but detained the letter from an extreme repugnance to appearing obstreperous; however there is something so sacred, so hollowed, in misfortune, it seems to authorize my addressing even amiable persons not intimately acquainted with them. There is a degree of oppression which reduces the mind to its native simplicity. I am instinctively prompted to exercise all the frankness of a complete rustic. Several years ago I conceived an idea that you and Mr. Johnston were unkind to me. This apprehension (may I term conviction) made me withdraw on all occasions; and once, compelled me to violate some laws in the code of domesticity—having infringed the precepts of civility from a belief that I was abominable to you. Subsequently, I felt an augmented desire to cultivate an acquaintance with your family. You profess too much genuine philanthropy to deem me an intruder at present, and I am persuaded, that your Pammie impressed me with confidence in my advances, by kindly saying your sister would have visited me in Alleman’s had she not made an excursion from the neigh-

bored to the period of my going thither. After this assurance, there cannot exist any reluctance to an intercourse with me.

The evening preceding Judy’s departure she desired me to place her little Roger with you when I left Brazos. I shall remain during the whole time of her absence, and some weeks after her return, at the dear request of both; therefore, deem it consistent with your kindness to detain Sally. I consign this remit to your clemency.

You will ever profess my esteem and affection.

Ann B. Randolph