My dear,

Mecklenburg July 10th 1802

Not having heard from Mrs. Langston for a few days I have heard of the loss of her child being very anxious to know how she is faring at present. I have sent George up for that purpose, having received a letter yesterday with a view of riding up myself in the afternoon, but the continued hard showers of rain prevented one of my affairs on which I was making necessary that I should be at home early tomorrow morning. I do not like to undate the fatigue of riding to Mrs. Langston's again to stay — We are all tolerably well here except Negro Sally who remains ill and her fate very uncertain. I do not know but the change is expected. Her recovery tho' not certain we hope no change. We have received word that Mr. Scott of Gordon's Dale died a few days ago after an illness of two days — Then the absence of the Neighborhood are debating as to whether or not many being now closer. However anxious we may be for your return my wish is that you would not leave Sally as long as you could attend to her should be necessary, nor until you are assured she would experience no inconvenience in your leaving her. Perhaps it might be the better for you to wait two or three days longer. We are safe.
Middleburg, July 18th, 1802

My dear.

Not having heard from Lasburg since Sally heard of the loss of her child & being very anxious to hear how she is since that went, I have sent Gabriel up for that purpose. I had my Horse up yesterday with a view of riding up myself in the afternoon, but the continued hard showers of rain prevented me & my affairs making necessary that I should be at home early today morning I do not like to undertake the fatigue of riding to Lasburg & back again today - we are all tolerably well here except Negro Sally who remains ill and her fate very uncertain. I do not know but the chance is against her recovery tho Doctor Channel as usual says there is no danger. We have rec'd. account here that Mrs. Scott of Gordonsdale died a few days ago after an illness of two days. I hope the disorders of the neighbourhood are abating as I do not hear of many being now down. However anxious we may be for your return I wish is that you would not leave Sally as long as your attention to her should be necessary nor untill you are certain she would experience no inconvenience in your leaving her & perhaps it might be the better for you to wait two or three days longer than might be otherwise necessary in order to bring her down with you, I am

Yrs. Affectionately

Leven Powell

To.
Mrs. Sarah Powell
Lasburg.