My dear Betty,

I suppose you are waiting for me to write first, if you are, you shall not wait any longer that shall not be am excuse; you shall not have any thing of that kind for an excuse, or any longer delay. The busy season has commenced and I have more than ever to do but one job is accomplished, that of making soap and the garden is nearly all completed. I shall get through after a while, my pets are rather backward about laying, my geese have not laid yet. I must get Sunda to give me some lessons in that line, you have I suppose very little trouble about things of that kind? Rowena & Sunda are at Colonel Thornton's, Martha will go to Newington this evening, they are all well at Springfield, Mary was here this morning. I suppose you know Mr. Morris is dead his remains have been brought and deposited in his grave yard at West End, Mr. Glauzny Marshall was one came with him, he told me he became acquainted with
my brother Hugh and they were to meet at Old Point this summer, it is pleasing news to me & hope I shall not be disappointed this time & could not bear another disappointment of that kind. Old Dr. Taliaferro is dead, Dr. William will go to the World’s Fair. Mr. Rose is coming to Virginia on his way to the World’s Fair, I wonder how Sarah J. will meet him, she went to the ball and danced. Mrs. Locke is dead. Rowena has not been to see me, she has taken the rounds and left me out, I suppose there is no attraction here, for her. Therefore she is reasonable. Mrs. Rita will leave for Indiana in a few days, it is against her wish to go, she knows it is her duty to go and of course that would convince her, if nothing else I should think where her parents are, that would be the most desirable of all others besides. I saw Lucy on Sabbath, she was well Kate is very jealous she will not let any person have anything to do with her, same day she cries all the time. Vanny as very much as ever and as good as when you saw her. Margaret Beth as another daughter she calls it Ellen, They talk of having a camp meeting and it will be decided I cannot tell yet, but it will be known at the quarterly meeting, the ministers are in favour of it. Mr. Bayliss wishes to write and I must have room for him, remember me affectionately to Mr. Fitzhugh, let me hear soon from you, you affectionately sister

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Dr. Fitzgerald. The stockman at The 6Th
oue enquires regularly for you & after you
left the price fell down a little now.
would you like a few now I can almost
see your mouth water now, I have al-
most demolished The Gloucester Clover &
commenced planting eac'h layer, I have not
found any more mold yet but intend
trying a fair directly it gets warm.
The wind is blowing from the East as
cold & raw as it was when we went
To Sinclair, you mail many friends
whom in Seattle who enquires if you ever
time. The time passes so if you
possess the power to retain them as much
so as making them; you ought. To live
here, every thing move on as when you
were here don't forget my blue trees,
it is now to late you must keep them
untill next winter & then throw down
with you, have you tilled your
potatoe step, it is time I have planted
a large Water Melon which for the
March meeting, our plot is large enough
to stick. Give my love To Miss{Sonia}
Tell her Brook is one of the most
industrious fellows we have your JEP. Bayly