ly see how to write at night and I have not [illegible]
to write at night in the day M Taylor

Charleston July 28th 1834

My dear Aunt

It has indeed been a length of time since I received your very kind and welcome letter and nothing I assure you has prevented my replying to it long ere this but circumstances beyond controle — I was confined to my bed for several weeks with a pain in my side accompanied with a most distressing cough from which I had not recovered when my dear Mother was taken with the Chill and fever which continued for a Month and as soon as she lost the Chill she was seized with a most violent attack of the dysentary I tried every thing that I thought good for the disease but could not afford her any relief her death I thought inevitable, a Phycian was called in who is thought skilful but no change for the better appeared for two or three weeks, at length the Dr pronounced her better and we were in great hopes of her recovery but she took a relaps and is still so low that I have but little reason to think that she will ever be raised up again, I am at times at most ready to sink, nothing but the assistance of a good and ever merciful God has enabled me to endure the fatigue and anxiety of mind that I have born for eight weeks

Many dear Aunt destroy this as soon as read I am ashamed to send it it is written so badly but my eye is so painful I can hard

I have had to attend to my schoole and do every
thing that has to be done in a sick room for my
poor Mother with out one creature to assist me
the old Woman Nancy is so old and infirm that
it is as much as she can do to Cook and wash for
us, Harriet was in Savannah and I had to sit
up at night and and in the day I had not one
moment to rest, I really thought sometimes that
I would drop as I walked along, I wrote to en
[illegible] at [illegible] come she arrived here a [illegible] days a
go which is the means of my having less fatigue
Mother is continually speaking of you the idea
of her dying without seeing you grieves her very
much — since I commenced writing this
my beloved Aunt your kind letter to Mother
enclosing five dollars was received she re
turns you many thanks for it my Aunt, and
oh that I could find words to express my grati
tude for your goodness to my aged parent, the mo
ney you sent will afford her many things
that it was not in my power to get for her
it would be impossible for me to discribe my
feelings when I see her want comforts when it is not
in my power to afford them to her, her unfeel
ing Son is in Florida in excellent business
and altho he has been made acquainted with
the place of our residence he will not do

any thing for his Mother and does not ca
write to enquire after her — You wished to
if Mother had her things from Sumter
has not, seen one of them if E H had not
good enough to borrow a Bed from her Sis
ter for no we would not have had one to
lie on and this my unfeeling Sister knew
and yet she would not send the things.
I do not know what we will do in the wi
ter E thinks we going in the Country
we will not even have a Chair
a bed to lie on or a Table — there
no advantage to me if E goes I will ha
the School to my self but that will not en
me to purchase furniture for House good
is so high it will take all that I make to pro
for even one of the smallest Houses and buy
food, most of the Children are small and
of course we cannot charge as much for the
as we would for large Schollars, You see
dear Aunt I have been very explicit in explain
ing our real situation to you I would not dis
tress you with it if had you not requested me
to do so — You must not think that the difficul
ties I meet with has inclined me to relax in
my exertions to make a support no believe me
not with standing all I will continue to make
every effort and trust the Almighty will assist
me — the Meat you were so kind as to send

I have she has not received yet, it could not have reach
the Georgetown as Mr Waterman wrote to her that
he would send it in his own Vessel free of expence
whether it ever reaches here or not we will
not feel the less grateful to you for your kindness
in sending it the fault, is not yours if we do
not get it

Mary Taylor

Mrs R. S. Pope
Chesterfield C.H.
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Mail

[illegible] writes with Mother and myself in love
to you. Cousin Oliver and family and the rest
of your Children tell little Rebecca her Cousin
Harriet says she must write to her soon
we never hear from My unfortunate Sister now
in her last she said she was determined to live
with a certain person while she lived she would
not give him up for any one consequently we
can no longer hold any communication
with her — yours affectionately
M Taylor