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My Dear Mamma

I should have written you before
but believe me it is not from any want of affec-
tion, I know I am very negligent in writing, but
I think I have had very few letters to answer. I am
sure you will be surprised when you hear of Aunt
Suzette's kindness for bringing me over; I left Miss
Elyza with Maria who was quite well, Mr. Suzette
had a cold, but I hope is now recovered; John was
quite well, he was to write to you. Don't be uneasy
about my schooling, for Auntess Teresa is teaching
me French and English; and Miss Biddy Music; and
there is not one day passes but I go to visit or to
take a drive, and this is so sweet a family I can't

say so much in their praises; I am sure you would like them. I am not sure when I will return perhaps Maria will come over as Mr. Nizent expected to be made; I think they expect my dear James this summer on his way to Heligey; I hope I will see him, tell him I expect that he will write me with my dear sisters, whom I hope are all well is just as lively as ever tell her I am wishing to see her. Has James the garden in good order I suppose mine is taken up. O if I could see you all just for one moment, you don't think that I am difficult to please for I am sure I could not have more pleasure at home, but indeed I could this home, Countess Nizent reminds me often of you my dear Mama I hope you keep your health and spirits, do you in the country, in one of your letters to Maria you said that James was getting the

the house to rights, I hope it is finished I am sure
you purser it to the town, I suppose it very neat have
altered the garden, I hope Papa will allow him to
do it. Give my love to Papa and hope he is quite
well, has he gained that law piece, and give my
love to Aunt Betsey, I suppose she lives with her
sister still, is Colchester the same way, I suppose
Papa's plans are all don away with, go
to rights. Is Mr Anderson still in Colchester and
Mr Nicolson, I suppose you visit them. Has Mrs
Robertson any more children, I must now conclude
therefore give my love to my dear Papa James and my
dear sisters kiss them all for me, and accept the
same my beloved Mama and believe me ever to
remain

Your affectionate Child

A. Malinda Johnston

P. S.

My dear Ma dont be uneasy about my clothes for my dear sister and brother give me every thing I require and money, I would pay the postage of only Mr. Sargent has it. I am sure you much perplexed but please God you

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Cobister
Thomson
Dobney

are all well

NO MORE

[Large handwritten flourish]

will get over it all. Jess wrote to Marie she was quite well when you write her do tell her to look out her spelling perhaps you will find some in this. Remember me to Belle and tell Belle's Mother that she was quite well about two weeks ago allow once more and believe me ever to remain
your affectionate child
Matilda Thornton