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Tuesday 9th November 1794

My Dear M^{rs} Johnston

induced by motives of friendship
and I may say ^{of} affection I have once more taken up my pen to write
you a few lines hoping to have the pleasure of hearing from you ~~by~~
the first opportunity. I have been very much disappointed in not
receiving a letter from you for these two years past and find
myself much at a loss to divine the cause, surely it cannot be
that you have so ^{soon} forgot an old friend; no I have a much better
opinion of your Disposition than to suppose such a thing possible
I rather think it must be owing to your dedicating the whole
of your time to your Children a pleasing occupation it certainly
is; but still remember that I must claim a little of your
attention also if it can be spared from such a ~~pleasing task~~ &
a pleasing task it certainly is while they are blessed with health
your uncle keeps his health tolerably well. my Children
John and Ann have been both very ill of a fever from

which thank God they are now recovering they send their Love
to you and their little Cousins. I have the pleasure of
announcing to you the agreeable news of the long tedious Law
suits being near a Close it only remains now with the Court
to make a partage of the Estate which is expected will take
place next term which will be in the month of february
God grant that it may turn out satisfactory to you all
O that I could Lifeway, announce to you the pleasing news
of your Mother abandoning that vile man who has been
the Cause of so much ~~trouble~~^{trouble} and Distress, but alas I cannot
they still continue to live in the same way with this
Difference only that he is now turned farmer and they live
on a small farm a little way beyond St Joes Church.

I have no news worth mentioning your old friend Miss
M^{rs} Ford is still unmarried M^{rs} Woodsey is very well and
Desires to ^{be} remembered to you please remember me to M^{rs}

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whart and tell her that I have been unavoidably
prevented from writing to her by this opportunity but
hope it will not prevent me from having the pleasure of
hearing from her next spring - you will please lifeways
to remember me to M^{rs} Halcro and all our friends in ~~strange~~
strangeness wishing you all health and happiness

I remain Dear Niece

your affectionate

Aunt

Margaret Johnston

Mrs J. P. Johnson
Aurora, Ill.
Dec 16 1897
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