

Cottage - October 11.th

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I am fearful my dear Ann will think her
unkind in so long delaying to answer her letter. the truth
is that a large family to attend to - care of your sweet little
Cousin Mary, who grows a lovely child, and devoting a
part of each day to your poor Grandfather so intently
takes up my time. that every moment of it is employed.
I was pleased with your letter - it was a proof of your
attention & affection that I long had sighed to receive
from you, from those we love, attentions are always
grateful, & I should be happy to hear frequently from you
which my dear Ann will answer two purposes - impro-
ving yourself - and affording me a pleasure - tell my
dear Matilda I hope the time is not far distant when
I shall receive a letter from her. trust she is making
as great a progress in her learning as you are in yours.
though not advanced quite so far, make no doubt
no exertions on either part are wanting. to repay
your Papa for the great pains he takes with you both
indeed my dear Ann you cannot be too sensible of
his goodness. I have made him a pot of sliced peaches
but not as many ^{as} I could wish - you know we have not
any peaches on this place. the fever has prevented my
own

