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My Dear Papa

Yours of 5th by M^r Garrison have received

and Consulted my brother, Phillis advise as I have nothing of great value. but what may be made soon, and as it is very uncertain where the Enemy may move, he don't think it necessary for me to leave this till we hear farther, Your goodness my Dear papa both Gerard and myself have always Expended how shall I ever have it in my power to recompence or. Even Express my Gratitude to so good and kind a father, happy would I be to see my Dear mama and be with ^{her} Should there be danger here brother Phill thinks that I will have time enough to make my way to your protection,

Yesterday went to Groton, the first person I saw there was Jim I ask: her where she came from, she told me from Sing Sing, I tax: her very strick about her going to town she said she never went farther than the Dock at Graham, her heart failed to go alone with Edward Turbune, by crying and begging he let her a shore, she went up the river till a bove our mill there ford: the river then went to our house again, and was Consal: by briget for four weeks in the kitchen Garret, which was tell papa sent for the servants to rhynebeck, Jim said that Libe Newes knew any thing of her being there (Now she was almost all the time that Jim was Consal: at our house at tellers point) briget left Jim when she went a way in the Garret, but she went a way that might for ^{that} that should Surcher, she says she was four days at the at the

house. Margery was up hear in that time and I told her I
had heard that Jim had been Consecrated, at our house (which
I had heard of old mother that she had been seen in the garret)
Margery went home and told Jim that I had heard of her
and that she should stay no longer there, this ^{was} ~~as~~ Sunday
she stay in the woods and fed on ~~the~~ what she got at the
Moore house, untill Friday, and in that storm of rain she came
to our house and ask for Gilbert. May told her she would
be home a Sunday. So she stay, I ask her what was the
meaning of her being Consecrated so long she said, that when
when the row Gally came up they where all to go off with
us, and she had heard that the rowgally men were to set
our house a fire, when they ^{where} young she said that she
was not willing to go with them, and brigitt told it her
business to come up hear and tell said and Dine (a negro girl
I have hired) that of I retreat again that they should not
go with me but come to her as soon as they heard that
the regulars where come again, — Dine was the person that
made the first discovery to one of the intention of our people
to go off so soon for they want her to go too, she
told brother Phill word for word as she told me when he
Enamored her about it, but we have both promised her that
she shall not be hurt for bringing the plot out of their
wicked intentions, thus far their schemes have prov^d abortive, and I
trust the Lord will protect us farther and not suffer our Enemy
with their wicked plots to over come us, is the sincere prayer
Dear papa yours Ever affectionate Dutifull Daughter
Cornelia Duham

D.S. I hear General Green and General Knox are arrived here
to reconnoitre

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