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Date: August 19, 1799

Description: Loammie Baldwin on Count Rumford

Woburn 19 of Augst 1799

Dear Madam

I have received your letter of the 18th ulto but by the distressing sickness which has for so long time grievously afflicted my late dear compaion in life and which ended in her disolution the 8th inst, has prevented my answ [page torn] this time However the bills have been ready for your order ever since the period for drawing them commenced — In adition to all my trouble I have to lament with you that we are not to see (that Man favoured above all men) your Dear Son & his daughter in this country the present season

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I have this day recived a letter from you son the Count dated the 14 of March last with a paragraph in it which seems to belong to you, as well as myself, and notwithstanding there is too much in it that will excite our regret yet there is something to elevate & add Satisfaction to the mind, the paragraphy is as follows "My Dear friend,

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=full disappointment I felt at being obliged ^ give up all hopes of seeing you and the rest of my dear

friends in america this year, a small pamphlet which you will receive with this letter will arguaint you with the reasons that have induced me to pospone my intended voyage; and you will I am confident agree with me in openion that I have done right in sacrafiseing the pleasure that voyage would have afforded me, to the most important object to which my attentions has been called I beg you would be so kind as to give my dear mother the sarliest notice of this change in my plans, and that you would at the Some time ende avour to give her just I dear of the very great importance. of the undertaking in which I have been can upon to give my afrestene; - and show her how impossible it was for me to refuse that ofictioned especially as it was asked in a manner so honour - able to my filf, and as the successof the underton - ing will be productive of so much good, and will place me in so distinguisties a setuation in the yes of the world and of porterity, - you will I am persuade fine little difficulty in persuading her that I have done perfectly right, and in reconsiding her to the disappointment she will naturally feel at not Juing me arive in America at the time appointed. I thenk madden that after this chegan transmobble appology nothing that I can say will de an i good .

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here end the paragraph appointed."—^ I think madam, that after this elegant & reasonable appology nothing that I can say will do any good.

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to dispose of them ^ at this time if you can do without; for bills are selling now at 10 pr^t; 6^t; or more under par. he thinks they will be higher in

in a short time.

I wish you would let your son Josiah know that his mother Thompson is very desireous of seeing him at Woburn soon as possible

Please to remember me to your good Husband your Aons & Daughters & all enquiring friends. And am with much respect your friend & Humble Servant Mrs Ruth Pierce Loammie Baldwin