friends who may inquire for me. Do you see Susan often: just say to her when you see her that I want to know if she has forgotten her promise to me, is little Kate as interesting as ever? Sophie I suppose goes to dancing school this winter. You will soon receive a sample of our sugar. Bart desires to be kindly remembered to yourself and husband with those dearest of your affectionate Sister

Lucretia

The boy sends a kiss.

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I fear dearest Kate that you will not do me just as to the value I set on your kind letter and other favours by my long delay in the acknowledgement of them tho they gratifyed me more than I can say - We have enjoyed the articles you sent us much they all came safely to hand about a fortnight since the butter we have not opened as yet but are reserving it for some great occasion - Since hearing how much you have been troubled with your eyesight I have felt extremely anxious and I sincerely hope it has pleased God to preserve them to you and that you are now perfectly recovered and able to enjoy all those blessings and comforts with which your heart seemed so gratefully to overflow I thought of you often indeed on Thanksgiving day and be assured that Bart as well as myself would like to have made one of the number - mine was spent in taking care of my dear friend Mrs Allsee who it has pleased God to take from our society you will believe I feel her loss most sincerely her uniform kind attentions to me I cannot but remember with gratitude she often used to say to me that I had

been sent by God to take care of her I have one cosolat
that is of knowing I did all in my power to make
her comfortable she often said that she hoped
Mr Phinney would arrived before she died and it
seemed as if she had been kept along from day
to day that her wish might be fulfiled the next
morning after he reached home she breathed her last
he felt it much and I think it will have a good
effect upon him he is more quiet and amiable —
As for myself my dear Sister I am much happier
than I ever was here before I find things pleasanter
and have made up my mind to be contented — Bart
is now very busy since we have commenced grinding
on both places and his time is divided between the
two, the Sugar has never been so fine as this year
every one says that it is owing to his good management
and the places are in perfect order the negroes in
good subjection — Bart is now seated at my elbow
making up his accounts he seldom if ever retires
before twelve and always up by three or four in the
morning so you can see what with his writing and
running about he is pretty constantly engaged — We are
living I suppose you know on the Sonora a very

Write soon and write much —

pleasant estate — Mr Knight and Anna were here
last week and spent the night with us she is sweet
girl Miss Stanhope and Miss Taylor I am expecting to
stay with me this week as there Father intends going
to Havana — Does it seem possible dear Kate that my little one
can be a year old I can hardly realize it time has flown so
the little rogue grows so cunning and interesting that I fear
he is in a fair way of being spoiled his father is indeed
proud of him and notices him quite enough for his
good he has two teeth, it is a little singular that he
should cut his side ones first — How much I should li[illegible]
to see Kitty Rumford with all her funny ways [illegible]
be a source of amusement that she can talk, you say that
she has grown quite a beauty I always thought her one
and mind in your next letter to send me a lock of her
hair and tell me what she says — Kiss her for me and
George — Mother I have not yet heard from I begin to feel
hurt at not receiving a letter, how do you think she is? if she is
well you give her my love and say to her that I shall write her
soon to thank her for the present tho I suppose she is with Mary
by this time, do you hear from M P often I intend to write
her in a few days — Is Catharine with you still? give my love
to her and Mrs Cyrus Baldwin Mr & Mrs James Baldwin & all other