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Mrs Mariah E Dugger

Traskin P O

Sommerses C O

M D

In care of John Moore



October the 7 1861

Dear wife I take this opportunity to inform you
that I ^{am} well at present and I hope these few
lines may find you the same in the mean time
I do not forget little ~~Bob~~ ^{Bob} tell him when
I am back that I will ^{bring} him some cakes &
Maria I had a dream last ~~night~~ ^{night} I dreamed
that I saw you your father & your mother
and little Willy was playing on the floor so
~~as if~~ ^{as if} your father is consoling I live in
hopes that it is not the case I should ^{feel} very
unhappy if it were that to be the case dear
Maria & oft times think of you and would be
very glad to see you but it appears to be at
present very uncertain when I ^{shall} see you but
keep up good spirits I hope that I shall be
at the election and if not I don't ~~want~~ ^{wish}
~~to~~ ^{try} to see you until some time in December
I am not certain when we shall come on
the eastern shore or but when we do I will
let you know it my mind is the greater
part of ^{no} time is fixt a son you and little
Bob I very often go of to my self and in ^{my} mind
draw the picture of a most happy home I am
very sad when I am studying about you and
my little boy but at present it is
all that I can do at present

it is a Primer that We shal leave
hear this week or the Next Dier wife
I have had no money as yet as was
tharrest But if lif last until i get ^{some}
^{money} Surtenberg send you if i cannot com
and bringil every dollar that i can spore
for i no that you stand in need of money
even now and i wish i had sum for you but
i have none mi self give mi love to all
~~you~~ in quiering friends tel nancey that
if she will hepp you to take care of
mi litle Bay and i will ^{give} her a nice
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dath amalynd then described for it is im-
posable for mortal tongue to tel ~~not~~
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on that memoral Day that worst un-
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time did arive that Memmoral
Morning we parted i never shall for-
get dreaco of the past sumtimes ar
havering on mi minde i often think
apon the time when i and a youst to
set in the old colonade and talk of
the fulere But nether of us Dream
of such as this so maria & as sun as
get this if it is in your Power
write to me and let me now know
all ar for i shld like to hear how

you are getting a long

know at present as far as
well until we reach a game
to kiss little Bird for me for
he would not when I left

if you write to me Direct your
letter to Jheswill Austnell
Baltimore Co Md Cpt Graham^C Co^m

I hope to see a letter before

I remain yours ever thinking best a²

Nathaniel G. Douglass

[[Nick Dante 8/10/2016]]

[[Douglas Correspondence #1]]

[[Page 1- Envelope]]

[[image - left side of envelope illustrated picture of the U.S. Constitution, bundle of sticks around an axe, two light skinned hands shaking, with stars and American flag waving in background.

[[image- red three cents U.S. postage stamp]]

[[image- faded black circle stamp:
LTIMORE M.D.OCT 8]]

P c/n

Mrs Mariah E Dugless

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Sommerset CO

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In care of John More[[?]]

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four~~as~~ as yous loking sad is cons~~I~~ I live in
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unhappy if I new that to be the call dier
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very glad to see you but it apears to be at
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hope up good sperets i hope that i shol be
at the~~ateckson?~~ and if i am not I Dont ~~unintelligible~~
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the ~~eastenshew?~~ but when wee do i will
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it is a Bumer that we shal leave
hear this weake or the Next Dier wife
I have had no money as yet as was
thought But if lif last untel i get som
I will surtenley send you if i cannot com
And Bring it evry dollar that i can spar
for i no that you stand in need of money
even now and i wish i had sum for you but
i have none mi self give mi love to all
in quiering friends tel nancy that
if she will help you to take cear of
mi little Boy and i will give her a nice
present Maria my felings can be better
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lookd for Time but that sad and unhappy
time Did arrive that Memmoral
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having on mi minde i often think
apon the time when i and u youst to
set in the old ~~[[e—onade]]~~ and talk of
the future But nether of us Dream
of such as this no Maria as sun as
get this if it is in your Power
write to mi and let mi now how
all ar for i shld like to hear how

[[Page 4- Letter]]

you are getting a long

[[one word]] at present so far u
Well untel we meat a gane
kiss little Bud for mi for
he wold not when i left

If you Rite to me Direct yor

letter to [[phesvill?]] [[-ushvill]]
Baltimore – co MD Cpt Graham com

i Bote to u a letter before

i Remane yours u thinking husba

Nathaniel E Douglass