

My dear Sister Mary

Johnville 24th May 1851

It has become my melancholy duty to report again the death of one of our household, our dear Sister has gone to rest in "eternity". I came up here last Sunday found her unusually well & in fine spirits and the next day she was taken sick but walked about her room but a few hours before her departure so briskly that we thought but little the matter but in a little while she was in the agonies of death & even breathed her last ere I knew she was dying Oh the sadness of my heart is deep I had come to spend a part of my vacation with her but only one short day was I permitted to enjoy her society and Oh how doubly precious that time would have been regarded could I have known that her days were numbered but one more here on earth, Her death is rendered still more painful from the situation of her family leaving four helpless children, the last a boy born but 3 hours before her death I have to take in my charge the 3 girls will remain with the Dr. I sent for Mama she came with the rest but has since returned I will go as soon as Dr Page comes which I hope will be this week for my sister's house is no longer a pleasant retreat, God bless you my dear sister & your precious little

charges, train them up in the way
they should go, I have dedicated
mine to the Lord it has long been
my wish to unite with the church
I prefer being immersed but not
considering the mode essential
I shall join the Episcopal church
as soon as I can. Let me hear
from you soon My love to Mr
Wooten and kiss your dear babes
for me
your affectionate
Sister L. Page

Ms
Mullen Jan 26
To
Mrs John F. Wooten
Kinston
N. Carolina