

[Faint, mostly illegible handwriting on the top page of the manuscript.]

not even better to my de-
relation, except that
now, I am sure you
will all forgive me.
It is important I find
that I should sleep well
I am naturally a poor
 sleeper - I therefore never
write at night - it does
not suit me at all -
except in very extreme
cases - Only this week
& the like. I have been from
home much of my time
for the past four months
& when at home, back work
~~has~~ has to be disposed of.
I have made several visits
to N.C. two to the West
on behalf of the Indian Com-
mission to a settlement of runaway
slaves in Canada & back to
distribute some money, &

Yours truly friend
& peace.
I am really ashamed
that it should appear that
nothing but my necessity
could bring a letter from
me to them & to my other
dearly beloved & often re-
membered friends at Har-
tington. I always feel that
you deserve what I cannot
give you, a real good long
letter. I have for a year
past, to my great loss, given
up all or nearly all social
correspondence, even to my
beloved sister in laws, for
no man feels more in the
love & sympathy of mankind
than I do, & when I tell the
my dear friends, Sophie's
peace & family, that I do