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March 1st. 1772

My Dear Unkle

I was very glad to hear by Billy ~~Mason~~ were all well, tho he could tell me nothing particular and you, I was going to say, too lazy to write a few lines. We are all tolerable well. I have not been very well for three or four days past, am better today. Nancy grows a little and continues very quiet, hope thee will come and see her soon, next week I suppose as it is court week. I was sorry I did not see more of Unkle Philly, he was in Town a Third Day but would not call to see us, which I take a little unkind, & I. Pemberton would not come to Dine with us the day before, he came in the afternoon for a little while but looked very Black. I heard from Unkle Willy's yesterday, Polly has been extremely ill and Aunt Thomas very unwell. I intend to go to see them tomorrow morning as Dr. Murray advises me to ride out every day. I am growing quite thin. I have not had the Hystericks tho I can assure thee. Thee will be surprised when I tell thee Mr. Ogle has given over the thought of having Mamma's house, as she would not go out of it this two years so we both thought that would never do, for him to build after that and I thought we should not have got settled this seven years so he thought it would be better to buy one ready finished to our hands and Mr. Ogle has really bought Mr Addison's house. He gives Seven and twenty Hundred Pounds but then they are not to go out till September Twelvemonth and it is so near the Plantation, it will be quite convenient. We never had but one objection and now thats removed, and I please myself with the Hopes of being in two years Mistress of an excellent House. I had a long letter yesterday from old Neighbor Warring, Forster was in Town last week, he dined and supt with us and was in very great spirits. Oh, I forgot to tell thee Cousin Harry has been in Town, mighty clever indeed, very fond and sociable, he dined and supt with us. We had to supper Cousin Harry, Mrs Darby and her Daughter, Major Fleming, Major Jenifer, Dr Shuttleworth, Smith and Middleton. The Governor and Mrs Edin had company at home so we could not be honored with their Presence. It is whispered in Town that they are disappointed in Lord Baltimore's will. Pray dont mention this as it is yet a secret. Mr Ogle is gone to dine at his Grandmother's. Cousin Anna is pretty well, I'm afraid she wants to get to West River. I hope I shall come down in three weeks or a month. Please to give my Duty to Grandmama, Cousin Anna desires her love. Farewell my Dear Unkle and believe me to be thy most Dutyfull and ever affectionate niece,

H. Ogle.

Bell Air Sept. 19th 1776 ✓

My Dear Unkle,

Tis so little a while since thee left us and I have not heard from West River since that tis hardly worth writing, only that I promised. Unkle and Aunt Snowden went down yesterday, they are to return tomorrow and I am in hopes they will prevail on G. Mama to return with them, if she dont and they tell me she dont intend it in thy absence we will go down. Give my love to my dear Nancy Pleasants and tell her be sure write me often and very long letters. I shall never grudge the postage and write me where she is to lodge and in what street and if she likes Philadelphia. I hope she will. Dont forget the hint thee was to give her. Hope her Father wont think of keeping her there a great while. I recon thee art so taken up what with going to Meeting, dining out and drinking tea with the girls thee will have hardly time to write to us but if thee should do tell us if we are likely to have Peace. What are the Congress after? I am sure Lord Howe wants to make up with us. I have got the toothach yet, could not have resolution to have it out. I let Dr Fendall have one pull at it and I thought not only that but every other tooth in my head was out, it made all ring again. I let him lance my gum and that relieved me. If it is not too much trouble I should be obliged to thee if thee will get for me as much Pea green or Black Durants as will quilt me a petticoat. I dont know how much it will take but some of the Good Women there will tell thee, whichever color thee gets please to getsilk of the same color to quilt it with, six or seven hanks and two yards of spotted gauze. We were uneasy when we heard thee did not sit out till third day and the rest on second day, was afraid thee waited for Abraham. Mr Ogle desires his love to thee and Nancy. Adieu my dear Unkle and believe me to be

Thy Dutiful and affectionate Neice

Henrietta Ogle

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Bell Air Sept. 26th 1776

My Dear Unkle,

WE left Belmont this morning after spending five days with the two Ladies and have the pleasure to inform thee of Grandmamma's being in better spirits than I could have expected, tho she is complaining with a disorder at her stomach which I am apt to think will not be entirely removed till thee returns ; a few of the negroes with the Ague & Fever the rest all well they have not wanted Company. Unkle and Aunt Thomas was down and Dr Murray and young Phill were there every day and almost every night too. WE were very glad to hear by thy letter of your getting safe to Philadelphia and that my Dear Nancy bore the journey so well.

I am impatient to hear about her wether or not she is to be inoculated. As there seems not the most distant Hope of Peace I should not chuse if they were my daughters to leave them behind. Do tell her to provide herself well with everything she wants, now is her time.

Mr Ogle is very unwell with the complaint he had before thee left us, the rest quite well. I expect Grandmamma here on Seventh or Second Day it depends on the letter she receives from thee tomorrow.

I shall look out very hard the 5th of October if thee dont come before We all long to see the; this is the last time I shall write for fear thee should be come away. Mr Ogle joins me in love to thee and my sister,

Farewell my Dear Unkle and believe me thine affectionately,

Henrietta Ogle

Little Nancy desires her Love to her Unkle and Aunt.

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My Dear Unkle,

1778?

It gave us great pleasure to hear that you were well, we are indifferent, Mr Ogle has a pain in his side but is going to Dine at the Governor's. Neighbor is complaining. Molly Smith has been ill ever since thee was here and I am not well, the children middling.

Neighbor says any day that is convenient to you<sup>thee</sup> will be so to her. Capt. Eden and dear Smith are out of town. I have not seen the Governor since I supt there. Clarinda is very well, I saw her today. (The Clergy Bill passed the Upper House today and the Squire was to carry it to the Lower House and on the way he lost it. I believe the News Paper is in old Phil's garden for I cannot find it in the house.

We have had letters from Mama, she was not well having had a fall at tea and hurt her hip a good deal, she was at Windsor. I send you Lord Ossong to Lady Catterly, but must have it again soon. Neighbor and Mr Ogle desire their love to all Friends at Belmont. My Duty attend Grandmama and Unkle

Love to the girls

I am affectionately thine

H. Ogle

Dear Unkle

We send Orson down with thy horse and am greatly obliged for the lent of him. Mr Ogle thinks the colt will not be able to travel as far as this yet so thee please to let them stay a while longer. Hopethou art quite recovered from thy Bilious Complaint and that we shall have the pleasure of seeing thee soon. We are all well, had a fine rain yesterday afternoon. Mr Dulany is here. I think Dicky Chew might have consulted thee before he went as Volunteer. (We shall be very glad to have a few strawberries when Orson returns, have never seen one since we brought them from West River. My love to Neighbor and Betsy and believe me to be thy most affectionate Neice

H. Ogle

(Please to send Orson off as early as he can get the strawberries tomorrow Ben sings every night about Johnny and Neighbor and yesterday almost cried to see you.

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My Dear Unkle,

I made free to open Unkle Philly's letter, am so glad to hear they are to be at home so soon. As I had Unkle Dicky's letter and knew the handwriting I opened it as I wanted to hear how they did.

Unkle Willy dined her, he says Philly is much better. Hope to see Grand mama soon and thee along with her: My Duty and love attend her and all at West River. Believe me to be thy Dutiful and most affectionate Neice

H. Ogle

1799?

My Dear Unkle,

I long much to hear from you this bad weather, hope you are all well. Mr Ogle's eyes are better. I am not well myself, but my dear little Nancy has been ill all night with a violent fever, she is better this morning; I am terrified for fear she will have a fit. I have not had my cloas off since twelve O'clock for I was afraid she would be taken with a fit tho she slept sound. I have sent for Dr Murray, Dr Scott is ill. I cant think what her fever could proceed from. She was very lively and well in the evening. I have put Rue to her stomach and have the juice ready, and the vial of amber, for fear.

When I got up at 12 o'clock to add to my uneasiness the first thing I heard of was the death of poor old Phil - he had just died.

Hope to see or hear from you soon, I wish G. Mama or Neighbor was here or even one of the girls, for Molly is of no use in the World, Old Nancy is the only one I have to assist me.

My dear little girl is better, I hear her little Tongue running to ~~what~~ Brother in the Nussery, the little man is very busy drawing Plans what plans thee will think, why I will tell thee, a covered way to the little House, who but himself would ever have thought of such a thing. Well but I must leave off, My Duty and dear love attend you all,

Thy dutiful Neice,

H. O

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Dear Unkle,

I am glad to hear thee found all well within Doors at thy return, a long disagreeable ride thee must have had round by Mount Pleasant that damp morning. I am very happy to hear my Sister is at West R. and wish it was in my power to come down today, but we are badly off for Horses at this time and Mr Ogle is obliged to go to his Plantation tomorrow to stay till Wednesday and I shall go to Unkle Willy's with him I wish Nancy could meet me there and come tomorrow at dinner and come home with me from thence. I hope thee will get all thy things safe am sorry we had not time to iron them all. Please to ask Neighbor when she will come up, If she dont come soon the racing will be coming on and I shall have no <sup>time</sup> to see her.

Mr Ogle was much disappointed Billy came away before thee got his letter by Mr Sprigg, he sends a boy down to know about Whiter.

My Duty and love attend you all,

Ever thine affectionately

H.Ogle

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My Dear Unkle

I was in hopes to have seen you before this, why would you not take a ride up? I wrote my Aunt by Dr Murray my dear little Ben was unwell and that night he was extremely ill and continued so till yesterday, a violent fever and disorder in his Stomach, he is now free from complaint and is taking the Bark and I'm in hopes he will soon recover.

He is more reduced than ever I saw a Person in the time. Thee would scarcely know him, our leaving Town entirely depends on his health, we shall certainly go as soon as he is able to ride so far. I am more anxious to go as I think the change of air will be of service to him.

Polly Nivill is extreemly ill and I fear Dr Murray thinks in Danger she was taken ill on Friday last, her complaint not unlike mine at thy house about two years ago. I saw Dr Scott there today he did not think her as ill as Dr Murray. Since I wrote the above Mrs Sprigg called and thinks Polly better. We have no news. We have got over the fright occasioned by Cornwallis, and seem to think no more of our enemies than if they were in the East Indies. I wish extreemly to see you and if you cant come to Town hope we will shortly meet at Bell Air or West River. Mr Ogle has gone a-drumming. My love to my Aunt And kiss little Nancy

Believe me thine affectionately

H.Ogle

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My Dear Unkle

I was very sorry to hear by Dr Murray this morning that Grandmama was so unwell, and Abraham is this moment come. I am very uneasy to hear she had so bad a night, shall order Daniel down early tomorrow and sincerely hope to have a favorable account, if she continues poorly I will come down immediately. Mr Ogle talks of going to Baltimore the latter end of the week or beginning of next. Hope thy cold and sore throat is better and my dear little folks are well. Will a pair of shoes a size smaller than those fit Nancy? My Duty and love attend Grandmama, Neighbor and the girls and believe me to be, my dear Unkle

Your most affectionate Neice

H. Ogle

Tis reported there is a Vessel in James River bringing an account of France having declared War, and there is a report there is 40 sail of French ships off Charles Town, tis not believed tho. The Sennate met yesterday and C. Grahame was chose one today. Pray write me particularly how G. Mama does. Philly Thomas is here.

My Dear Unkle, I am glad you are all well. I have not been well for some days and am now writing on the bed. Am sorry the boils are so troublesome but flatter myself they will be well enough for thee to ride to Bell Air some day next week. I have a bad sore mouth. My Aunt will want to hear about the Ball. I was there but thought it rather dull, danced two dances, one with the Governor, the other with General Williams; who I pityed most sincerely. He was extremely agitated on coming in to the room and tho he forced a cheerfulness you could plainly discover a gloom. I never believed till that night that he was ever much in love; but he did certainly love her. The old D---l and both young ones were there as forward and as affected as ever. I hope Mrs Carmichael is better. Mr Ogle has just gone a-fishing with Mr Harford.

My love attend you all and believe me, ever thine,

H. Ogle.

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London June 15th. 1792

Dear Friend,

It is a considerable space of time since I had the gratification of a letter from thee, but as I am acquainted with the numerous obstructions to a few quiet hours even at West River ( and such are necessary to the writing of letters and precious thereto also for the more accumulating influx of news and anecdote, principal Ingredients of such writing) I endeavor to reconcile myself is the only reason. I expected ere this to hear of Miss O. being married as the man who returned from Col. Lloyd's where he had been sent with 5 Mares under his care told me it was an Event to take place, and at most three weeks after his leaving Annapolis. Mr Tayloe it was said was the Man Fortune or rather Love had smiled on and the consummation of whose Happiness was so rapidly approaching: but the Protraction seems to prove that my Intelligence was Groundless.

I hear by a young man ( John Fields son ) who arrived the latter End of last Month in Company with Mr. Bond and Wm. Penn that Sam Ringgold is married to Miss Cadwallader of Philadelphia. It must be a suitable, a clever match I should think. I wish them much Happiness. His brother Tom I doubt is still the same eccentric, trifling Character he used to be. His attempts at Matrimony failing one can't be much surpriz'd at.

I frequently see thy Nephew P. Thomas but I dont know how it is we dont get together and yet it is not for want of Invitation on either side, but Mrs Thomas is now out of Town, when she returns I do really intend to go to Newington and spend a day there. Phil dont seem to have any Idea of returning yet awhile I think, he seems to be thoroughly jobbed in England. I often feel sorry he has got such obstacles in your Country to an honourable Union here with some one of our many acquaintances accomplished young Women and I think his Line of Acquaintances amongst Friends is such as must sometimes, ( unless juvenile hasty Attachment has got so rooted and strengthened by increasing Years and long Absence) make him admire those whom, were he free and unshakled he might be led to accost in tender accents.

Our Yearly Meeting is not long passed by, I think it was not so large a one as sometimes yet there was much spoken and I hope to the Purpose. We were in Expectation of seeing Sam Emlen from Philadelphia but were disappointed, we understand he means to come in the Fall when the Irish Women Friends come, and only think the rough, the severe Sarah Harrison of West River Memory is to come along with them, let the Heedless be circumspect during her Embassy, or they will find a severe Chastisement, perhaps the particular Subject of Complaint may not frequently be found here which seemed to draw forth her anger at West River. I have often to look back with inexpressible sensations at the Moments I passed in your Meeting, in that retreat. I believe more Good had Admittance to my mind than it had or has

ever since experienced. I seemed there to be abstracted from the World and according to thy own expression "Viewed it in it's true Light, it's Joys it's Glories all. Feeling of another kind occupied my mind, such too, as I cherish to this day. When I have a mind to luxuriously to feast on ideal Rembrances (tho like the Dainties of a Banquet they please during the eating yet bring on indisposition and unfit one for the proper business of the succeeding day) I run over again the many pleasant Scenes I went thro when with you. I often think how much more beneficial a Meeting would be to me if instead of a bustling Town for Meeting we had such a Piece of Wood as is just opposite your pleasant Habitation.

With respect to Business I think Matters seem rather dull, with you especially. I have been so long a time without receiving a Manifest that really it will appear like a Curiosity. Capt. Leonard being out of our Employ it wont look like the same kind of Business. Should our new Business (the Vinegar trade) go on successfully, as I have reason to think it may we shall dwindle into perfect Cits and I dread much be strangers to all our American Acquaintance as such are certainly unworthy their attention and indeed beings totally useless to Fareigners. I am, however, comforted when I recollect we have some Friends who are not biass'd entirely by mercenary Views, but whose Minds are gladdened by the Communication of our Welfare and Prosperity.

I am really concerned to be committing so many of my own Ideas and Thoughts merely, to these sheets, but really my store of Intellegence is so small that I should have no Employment for the Pen otherwise. During the fine weather of the Summer I shall often fancymyself at West River, the Ogle Family there and I'll have us all socially seated under the Piazzas over a pleasant Dish of Tea and chat; shaded from the Sun while the Eye luxuriously wandering over the opposite wood tinged with the declining Light, pops agreeably upon a passing sail and so by producing variety give a zest to the Whole. Then comes Night, ushered in by the hum of obtruding insects and I may say Busy sting too. The distant Whip-poor-will pleasingly ennuiyeux heard from your back Porch, I often court Imagination to present. I shall run on tiresomely on subjects so well known to you, repeated to thee, but bear with me, I am in a thinking mood and must confess I do it for my own gratification.

I have a letter a few Days since from Mrs Ogle which I answered by this opportunity. She is quite silent on the subject of Domestic Intellegence I would be sorry to be thought impertinent but I think in a Family where one was suffered to be on such friendly terms, 'tis natural to suppose one must be desirous of particular Information, pray when thou hast leisure and favors me again with one of thy pleasant letters thou wilt be so kind as in a Measure to make up for her Remissness for I look upon you as one Family, but let me not take up the least time that might be spent in home Enjoyments any Awfward Nook that would otherwise be unemployed - when, as an unkle of mine

from Mrs Ogle  
Mrs Ogle's letter  
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says , thou hast nothing to do and can't sleep.

Political News I have none, I wish to send thee some Papers by this conveyance, hope I mayn't forget them, there thou will observe there Spirits even in our prosperous Isle that are tired of Ease and Fullness of Peace and Prosperity, wishing to stir up Sedition and Confusion, which desires they clothe under the pretended Idea of Reformation. Some Triffles there are which give Ground for such a Plea, but better sure to bear a small Burden or Inconvenience awhile than risk the dangers of a French Broil. The Party as they are termed in Parliament have met with a sharp rebuff, which has rather quieted them, two or three on whom they had depended when brought to the Stake having flinched.

I went yesterday in Company with my Friend Samuel Godfrey and dined with Mrs Thomas and her son Philip at their house at Newington. I was pleased to remark that Mrs Thomas looked as well as I had ever seen her, we spent a very pleasant day and were chiefly among you all in our Conversation, tho I was rather surprized to find my Friend Philip so warm a Politician and that too on a side ,which if I have any is opposite to mine. He talked of sending you some antiministerial papers and I have an intention to send thee some ministerial, so chuse thy Politics, but place only a slight dependence on either as to truth.

This is more a Journal than a letter to be sure , but the reason for that is, the ship has been putting off the Time of her Departure several Days, She however, went yesterday and tomorrow I. G. goes to Gravesend to embark whither I have an intention of accompying him. I have a very great regard for him.

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My Dear Unkle

I am glad to receive thy short letter and happy to say Mary has had no return of fever, tho I am not well. We were two days at White Hall this week and had a deluge of rain. Not a word from Nancy Tayloe since Duvees saw them at Port Tobacco. She called to see Mrs Duke at Marlboro, as to my going there I know not when it will be in my power. We have not heard from Bell Air for some time therefore did not know that Patty was ill. Mr Ogle goes down in a day or two. Nancy Higge has greatly recovered. We know nothing more of Politicks than you will find in the news papers. I am now at dinner and Mr Hogarth with us. I send a handkerchief of Sally's which Ester brought as one of Marys. Did she leave one of hers? Our united love attend you all and I am ever thine,

H. Ogle

My Dear Unkle,

I am glad to hear the girls are recovered from the fever, and thee from thy sprain. We are all well. I expected to have seen Phill last night but he came not, neither have we had a word from him tho I expected it. The Wedding did not take place and Betsy Cooke we hear is at Bell Air.

There was an Alarm last night but it is so foolish, for the honor of Annapolis I hate to mention it, some of the volunteer Company was exercising at the Play House and a foolish dumb boy went in and made some motions and they all took the alarm, some fainted, others screamed and Mr Ogle, Mrs Lloyd's family and myself sat snugly at Zoo at Dr Murray's and never heard a word of it till this morning; 300 men were under arms. Nancy Tayloe writes me they have been alarmed there, indeed I fear it will put it into their heads.

Mary is going to Baltimore in a few days with Miss Higginbotham. Mary is not well. When will you come up? I dont know when I can come down I am so busy and our house is worse than ever.

Our united love attend you all and I am ever

Thy affectionate neice,

H. Ogle

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11/16/1804

My Dear Unkle,

I heard this morning by Alexander Murray that thee was very sick again but was made quite uneasy by Capt. Lenoard this evening at hearing thy fever had returned and that thee was obliged to go to bed. I have ordered Moses to go off very early in the morning to hear how thou art and if thy fever continues and thou art not better to return directly and I will come down, but to stay till the next marning if thou art clear of fever and taking bark. Everybody here who has had a bilous fever is now with a relapse. Sam Ridouts son has been very ill

Bevans returned tonight, Mr Ogle, he left at Bladensburg and he crossed at Queen Anne with such difficulty I fear Mr Ogle cannot get home for some days.

Osear won yesterday distancing 4 horses. Our Flag has been flying and our Cannon firing all day in honor of the French Ambassador who arrived here yesterday in a Frigate, he did not come ashore till this morning. I saw him in the street, a well looking large man and a little son with him. I was asked to a Tea with him but had not spirits to go.

No Senate yet. I shall long for the return of Moses. How are the young married couple? Adieu

Thy affectionate Neice,

H. Ogle

I wish Mr Ogle was at home, I would go down tomorrow with Mrs Murray. John Hasslin is dead after a short illness, pukeing blood.

MG 11/22/1804

## FRENCH

MARYLAND GAZETTE - 11/22/1804

Thursday last arrived, and anchored off this port, the French Frigate Le President, of 44 guns, Captain LE BRUSSE, in 13 days from Guadalupe, having on board general TURREAU, the minister-plenipotentiary from his I.M. the Emperor of the French, to the United States. In the afternoon she fired a salute which was returned by Captain Muir's company of artillerists. The wind blowing strong at N.W., all that day, the general did not land until Friday morning - On his arrival he was saluted with 17 guns, and received by the Governor of the State, who accompanied him to Caton's Hotel. On Sunday he left this city for Washington.

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This must have  
been written these  
Washington City dated  
J. S. S.

written between 3 & 7/1809

My Dear Uncle,

I have been wishing for an opportunity to write to thee, as by Post is so uncertain and today we accidentally met David Steuart who promised Mr Tayloe to call and see us and I hope he will. We are all well except Mary and all the children have colds. We are much pleased with the City, a good many has been to see us, more gentlemen than ladies.

Mr Tayloe and Ogle have dined with the President. We were all invited but it was not convenient to go and I had two teeth drawn that day by Bruff.

Mrs Ridout came down on Saturday with Mrs Murray and Kitty.

I have paid a morning visit with Mrs Madison and I did not behave with as much politeness as I should. When we went, the President, and Gen. Dearbourne were in Council with 15 or 20 Indians, however he threw open the door where we had a full view of them. I am delighted with Mrs Madison, she carried us over the house and I saw everything but the great cheek which I did not think of while there.

I have been to Church in the House of Representatives and to an Assembly which was not as splendid as I had expected. Tonight there is one in George Town but we are not determined about going. This morning we are going to Congress.

Yesterday looked like winter beginning but this morning is as fine as one as I ever saw. I hope thee will write me by the Annapolis Packet, I may get it but there seems a great chance.

Mr Tayloe and Nancy are delighted. I sincerely hope it will continue at being charmed with their house. I do not wonder for I never saw so good a one. We went to see Mrs Mason yesterday, she is complaining. Mrs Murray said she staid in too much, she should get her out, they were all in good spirits. Mr Mason has not yet been to see us.

With love to all,

Your affectionate Neice,

H. Ogle

Nancy Ogle - (Gen's sister) married Mr Tayloe, & as you probably know lived at "The Octagon," in Washington.

Must have been 2nd son Ogle - Bruff - not our direct ancestor who was Gen's father, Samuel. Nancy (Ogle) Taylor was sister of Mary who was sister of John Ridout & J. S. S.