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My dear Mr. Adams

I am ashamed at my  
 long silence, but you being  
 Judge by what you read  
 in the papers what a state  
 of anxiety & business we  
 are living under & what  
 a time we have passed  
 & what a state of suspense  
 we <sup>are</sup> living in & that is  
 enough I am  
 sure for long silence —  
 My father has been very  
 ill indeed which has  
 added much to our  
 distress but she is better  
 than by what you read  
 & forward & out of her

deceiving more yet as is my  
blood rather until the  
last ten days, we had some  
quint but some constipation  
appeared yesterday & today  
and today very much  
you know well understand  
it is impossible to say  
how deeply she is affected  
with all that is going  
on - God bless you true to  
friend  
Yours truly  
John the 4 Oldby  
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