My dear Cornelia

Mankillo, Jan. 3. 11.

I have lately received a copy of my Edgeworth’s Moral Tales, which seeming better suited to your years than to mine, I enclose you the first volume, the other two shall follow as soon as your Mama has read them. They are to make a part of your library. I have not looked into them, preferring to receive their characters from you after you shall have read them. Your family of silk worms is reduced to a single individual, that is now spinning his broach. To encourage Virginia & Mary to take care of it, I tell them that as soon as they can get 3 wedding gowns from this spinner they shall be married. I propose the same to you, that in order to hasten it’s work, you may hasten home; for we all wish much to see you, and to express in person, rather than by letter, the assurance of our affectionate love.

Th. Jefferson

P.S. The girls desire me to add a postscript to inform you that our Higgimotham has just given them a new Doll.