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Rachel & Maria beg you will accept  
their affectionate love - the former thanks you Philadelphia July 19<sup>th</sup> 1800  
for your letter & will write in the course of this week or at any rate next Sunday  
we are very busy making shirts - we have three series of linen but know not  
when they will be accomplished - we miss your assistance - as you were  
always a keen & good the most industrious - you will say it is curious to find  
a letter where it begins - God bless you - - - - -  
from my letters my dear Sally, you have little

to expect, I am conscious they afford you no amusement but  
they prevent anxiety - and give me the pleasure of conversing  
with you - therefore I write - our sister went to Bloomfield last  
Wednesday - Mr. Mays was in town on Friday and says they  
are all well - Sally Cohen accompanied him on his return,  
she will stay but a few days - they have not quite determined  
what to call the little cherub but I believe it will be Eliza -  
she is the handsomest baby I ever saw - and I think resembles  
Isaac -

Why have you not my dear Sally written to me, I long  
for a letter, perhaps I am unreasonable - but my chief pleasure  
is derived from receiving letters - of which lately I have been  
deprived, for two weeks, since from New York. I had a line, and  
wrote back - those days scarcely passed - since my Maria left  
us - that her goodness did not anticipate my wishes - she has  
been to her work - Charles & George - are both going to sea -  
many reasons may prevent her writing - but each is a source of  
uneasiness in which I participate - Sally Williams spent last  
evening <sup>with us</sup> and left the city this morning for New York - Maria will be delighted  
to see her old friend, tho her stay will be but short - Becky Hamilton  
and the Miss Jones's were also here - the latter are charming girls and  
very good neighbours - but Becky is our most constant companion



a kind of sympathy unites us. for each loved the friends most dear  
to the other - and that strengthens the esteem we had before conceived.  
Andrew left us last Thursday afternoon - poor fellow - his spirits  
were very bad - he came to bid us farewell about an hour before  
his departure - and with true friendship, expressed many good wishes  
for us all - & particularly begged when I wrote to you - to present  
you a share - he might have hoped a few days more with his  
family - for the ship is still detained at New-Castle. but I imagine  
he will not return - the pain of bidding adieu to a kind of  
sensibility cannot be counterbalanced by even the pleasure of  
a few days enjoyment - particularly as the prospect is constantly  
overcast by the certainty of a long separation - he goes again to  
Botania, with the most unfavorable idea of the climate - and a  
fear of its proving fatal - You know such was the impression on  
his mind on a former voyage - but he was not so melancholy  
then as now - they have however some jovial characters & I suppose  
he will soon forget his apprehensions - when at sea.

The Miss Wilsons left town yesterday - for Lancaster - they spent  
Tuesday afternoon with me, I regretted that I had it not in my  
power to pay them more attention - being for some days constantly  
engaged with Kichea - assisting to get her off - as she was too weak  
to bear the fatigue of moving - I assisted in packing up.

I was much disappointed at not seeing the girls on Friday  
I expected them in the afternoon - but they sent an apology &  
I promised to go to see them in the evening - Sally Williams however  
just came up - as I was leaving the step which prevented  
me - Give my love to them when you see them and mention the



he is in fact a most agreeable companion, and I have never heard from his lips, any  
thing offensive to the most scrupulous delicacy. To my best loved Sister tender my  
affection also to Brother & all the family & friends I did not intend writing so much but as  
I did so without thinking. and have mentioned nothing of the family. They are however all  
well & join in tender affection to <sup>you</sup> all. Ben is at Bloomfield - you may imagine how tedious  
a private conveyance. God Bless you, my dear Sally. Adieu my health & happiness  
are with you most ardently yours truly Attached Sister & friend Becky Gray

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Baltimore



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