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Dined tonight at Hamilton's and
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For thank you my Dear Brother for charming letters, they are really the
antidotes of that ruinous evil - absence, and we shall not repine while you so kindly
make us partakers in the varied scenes and consequent sensations that are ever
arising out of your travels, Goldsmiths beautiful poem could not have been more
applicable to his brother, than are your affectionate descriptive letters to us, and as the
distance increases, we shall more eagerly greet the effusions of that fraternal heart
which "untravelled turns us to us" - I hope before you left Pittsburg you received
letters from home I twice wrote to that place and our Brothers more frequently from
whom you have perhaps heard why Hyman left us this morning on his long projected
journey to Kentucky. I hope you will be so fortunate as to meet. I assure you we have
need of great philosophy to be reconciled to such losses in our family circle, and I
believe if we did not know that we are obliged to submit, we should not bear it with
so good a grace, but fortunately our minds are fitted to the station we are destined to hold
and we yield, (after many struggles) patiently to trials and deprivations which might
even shake the resolution of a manly breast -

In my last letter I bade you not to be influenced by any melancholy anticipations
respecting your Friend Gamble, I might now call your feelings prophetic. The poor Fellow!
was this day a week consigned to his last abode - he expired on Friday evening the 6th
instant - after so long a state of suffering, that those who loved him most were grateful
for the merciful dispensation which released his spirit from its perishing tenement -
his father is at sea, but many a weeping friend paid the last tribute of affection to his
remains - Hyman has carried some of Miss Edgeworths tales to your friend Mrs Crosby
I am sorry you were deprived of the pleasure the hospitality of Pittsburg would have
afforded you, and suffered so much from your tormentor, you must be very careful
to get rid of it - perhaps the abstinence that Papsow requires may be of service to you
let us hear particularly concerning it, and your health ever &c whenever you write

* There is nothing new of a domestic nature among your Philadelphia acquaintances the whole town male & female, young & old being at present occupied on the subject of this famous Mountain-in-labour conspiracy of Mr Henry Sir J K Craige & Co. You will no doubt have the newspapers and all the documents as early as this reaches you, therefore I shall say nothing more on the subject than just to apologise for not giving any account of what is passing in this "great Babel". The Bankrupt law has passed the legislature, which releases some of our friends, and I trust will open a safe door to execution on the part of our unfortunate R.

* Your prediction respecting Miss Hammond & Mr Bayard is verified they are engaged. Mr Guise has been engaged in a duel with Young Hamilton for the Secretary and is wounded, not mortally, but bad enough to confine him for some time to come. The cause is a Lady to whom Mr G had been introduced and was apparently agreeable - Mr H. having been rejected, felt himself insulted and a quarrel ensued - thus you see my dear, your accomplished friend after braving the dangers of the seas and the temptations of foreign follies & foreign beauties, has sacrificed the graces of his person to a silly affair - at the very moment he loses all hopes of attaining the fair one, whose charms were the talisman that shielded him from the enchantments of the fairy land in the "hulks of the Ocean" - Sally wishes to address you on this paper you will therefore excuse a short letter from me, believing at the same time, that if I had filled volumes, I could not more truly or sincerely assure you how wholly I am your affectionate sister - [Rebecca Grotz]

Hyman's departure so unexpectedly, has cast a gloom on our spirits, which I assure you my dear Brother it requires all the Philosophy we profess to combat, These separations (tho perhaps necessary) are sad invaders of our domestic comfort. Too Beloved members from our, already betrayed, circle is severely felt, and

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Mr Joseph Gratz

at to compare

introduction