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August 6th 1849

My Dear Sister Becky - sweet affectionate Epistol is

so consonant to my wishes and gratifying to my vanity that I cannot sufficiently thank her. The one received by B. Phillips with every other you ever addressed to me awakes sensations undiminished - indeed my dear girl your letters are to me most pleasing to write to you manifestly is absolutely my wish but alas my time is very much engaged - although I do not intend to persuade you I am as great a slave to the caprice of my children as our dear Rachel is to Isaac - no Becky, much attention is paid them without a great deal of unnecessary on my part, oh my sister could I but anticipate the extreme happiness of involving you - you flatter me by mentioning an idea but do not ascertain the period - when I can I expect you in Bathston let the intreaties of my children who beseech will divert you and be happy to see you - Isabella calls papa and is sweet indeed - graty says Ben is gone home he daily taunting of our parents and much Ben he improves much. I am disabled to think on dear father

reced no benefit from his journey almighty grant he may speedily
be reunited to health and happiness then would my most fervent
be heard - indeed my dear Betsy my father appears ~~to be my most~~
so entirely to engross my imagination that he is never absent
from me and oh my god ~~what~~ painful in the reflection
how is our dear our exasperating mother sweet woman
I hope she enjoys good health in a much greater abundance than
with me how much did I suffer from her affliction please tribute
a great deal of love to our blessed parents for my dear Betsy I tell
to the girls I will address a few lines return many thanks to
my dear Mother for my ring which I very much value for very
handsomely executed my shoe are pretty and fit I will be much
obliged to my dear Betsy if you will acquaint me the price of
them Richard says she cannot inform me so my dear write to
me soon and after I will endeavor to be a more punctual
correspondent and by studious endeavor collect something
entertaining — A dear my sweet girl may the almighty
Protect of Bkph give is constantly the work of the

very soon
return to

Ms. Henry Edwards

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