

Baltimore May 3rd - 1861

I thank you my beloved sister for your affectionate epistle.

They conveyed the happy intelligence of the health of my dearest family which I received as a blessing, that our honored father supported his affliction with the fortitude you describe has greatly alleviated my extreme anxiety which was ~~each torment~~ augmented until the receipt of our dear Rachel's letter full of our father not being acquainted of the indisposition of our worthy Uncle the pain and difficulty of communicating the distressing account of his dissolution would be too much for nature to support the shock was great to me, although sensible of his declining state which I saw with pain, from day to day a change until exhausted, we are cheered by hope often was he attacked by the same symptoms that terminated his life ~~and~~ ^{and} longed by expectation I flattered myself he would recover good old man his enjoyments in life was few the want of health reconciled him and made him anxious for death, which Corinn tells me she has heard him express oh my sister I cannot describe my feelings, when I visit at the home, I have been often with Corinn since her loss, the likeness of her departed father hangs in her sitting room to her I suppose it to be a consolation but to me it occasions poignant grief how different are our sensations and I trust are those who possess such strength

of mind. My spirits had long been depressed, previous to my visit to Philadelphia
but the happiness I experienced in being with my family dissipated the gloom which nothing
else could effect. ~~I~~ I am sorry my dear you have been uneasy about my health because
it is now good. I have entirely recovered a cold which was severe - & Ben comes and tells
me to give his love to Aunt Betsy and say he wants to see you - tell me my dear sister
how our mother speaks of the promise made me when with you of a visit to Baltimore
again it my love it is my most pleasing anticipation - should I be disappointed in
that expectation remember I have a claim on your goodness and the happiness her to
with be indispensable - please tender my most affectionate and dutiful love to our
dear parents and happy to hear you are permitted to spend some time in your
father's room no doubt he will be ^{glad} happy in having the family man ^{and} with him
I can grant it may produce a happy change. I was distressed to hear
our dear Rachel was not well to her please tribute my affectionate love I will
write to her in a few days and by that means you will be informed how we
twice a week let that consideration plead my apology for the present to sister
Sally I will write soon my tenderest love to our dear Brother James Wymen
for Jack and Ben. My Elting bids me say ever thing to you all that
affection can dictate - should I not be permitted intend writing to our dear Rachel
am sorry to hear of Ellen has been poorly - Henry not yet inoculated - she
constantly speaks of our dear parents sister and Brothers - I shall be glad to

Mr. Henry E. [unclear]
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death of Rebecca
Graft

Philadelphia

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