

Baltimore January 31th - 1862

I am again happy my sister - my daughter is recovered, and my Etting returns to alleviate the apprehensions. My last letter occasioned in my anxious wish, and to have embraced an earlier opportunity that was not in my power I can now say again you are all enjoying the blessing of health and pray heaven my beloved family prosper ~~that~~^{it} with every happiness - the indisposition of my little darling though not severe has reduced her much, her spirits and appetite is now good and I pray she will soon recover her looks.

I am delighted to hear our dear Richard children are well I was anxiously uneasy about them - the measles are in their neighborhood they tell me very favorably, too impossible to confine the Boys & perhaps prevent the disorder, Ben perhaps more readily than I can I saw, he goes to school, and is a favorite. I told him I was going to visit he day, give dear Ben, love to Mrs Maria, and tell me I want to see her - we all anticipate spring with pleasure to enjoy the promised happiness of your society - My Etting meet with an acquaintance of yours in the city who says when he hears of

your being here he will visit Baltimore I shall write
your curiosity to know who this adviser is, I really forgot his
name — your friend Mr Barry is quite well I have not
seen him, ~~but~~ William informs me of his health, he calls often
and always enquires of you — Emma is recovering fast and soon
getting better — My Dearest Love to my beloved mother I am rejoiced
to hear she is getting her likeness taken hope she enjoys uninterrupted
health and ~~has~~ escaped the Rheumatism this winter tell my dear
mother I trust she will forgive my not addressing her knowing it
immaterial to ~~me~~ to whom I write I have from time to time
deferred writing ~~indefinitely~~ ~~for~~ the same wish and anxiety
to my own dear Mother father tribute my affection with fervent
gratulation, for his health & tranquillity — tell Sister Mary
I hope soon to hear from her and felicitate her on the health
of her darling children whom please bid for me — to Sally
and Rachel tender my love and ~~to my~~ ^{to my} worthy Brothers
accept a large share of affection from my Eldest and children

I will be much obliged to you my dear Betty if you will
endeavour to procure too weight for me the colour of the
lock enclosed here the hair worn on taste let the call be long
of a soft natural curl one is for Sally Eldest and the other

if you can get the wife for 12 Dollars let me
know and I will remit the money setting

Mrs F. Etting
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Miss
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