

Baltimore October 31th - 1802

your wishes to hear from me my dearest Betsy

cannot ~~exceed~~ my inclination, which is ever urgent and always ready to afford pleasure - affection and gratitude are sensations that will ever induce me to write often to my beloved sister, painful indeed has been my silence and to retrospect on the occasion awakens sensations, ^{that} none but a parent can experience - the sufferings of my beloved daughter were great, and afflicting to my soul - she is now thank the Supreme perfectly recovered her indisposition although yet thin and pale her appetite and spirits are very good which I hope will soon reestablish her health.

your last letter my dear sister tended much to relieve my mind I was unhappy at the thought of your returning to the city the accounts are very alarming I hope the present cold weather will check the disorder and restore health to the inhabitants - how shall I my amiable Betsy do justice to your goodness or express my thanks for your unreserved attention, I am fully sensible of the benevolence of your heart and am grateful for the fund of entertainment ^{spiritual} you entertain, always afford, continue my sister to write to me when convenient your letters are read as Bibles by me

and mentarian in you - for which you not only claim my warm
affection but extreme admiration - I am happy to hear my
adored parents and family enjoy perfect health Heaven grant
a continuance of its favour - to my dear parents tender my
devoted affection our mother not being partial to the
country I suppose is anxious to return to the city - Mother
Simon being separated from you must more strongly
~~urge~~ the wish - sister Mary will not soon return to
town a disagreeable circumstance for I hear she is very well
at Bloomfield - Mrs Smith goes on Tuesday to Wark
where she resides the winter season - she called to see
yesterday I discern a passion in her, and pity the
of her leaving her aged father - Mrs Wall is in great dis-
comfort, her eldest son is in the last stage of a consump-
tion and poor Letty Perryman, in a similar situation she is
now confined to her chamber, at Mrs Maceray who is
illegally calculated to attend her - Betsy Barney begs me to
propose you her love, she is tenderly attached to you - Commodore
Barney is returned to his family, a perfect punch man
all your acquaintances are inquisitive about you and anxious
to see you him, Edward Johnson is among the number

12th

Miss Rebecca Grate

Philadelphia



1803