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Do not my Dr Becky attribute my long silence
either to neglect or want of Friendship after a months
Absence from my friends it seem'd almost impossible
for me to seat myself to write or do any thing
as there was always some one or other dropping in to
see me, such a journey as we had is too much for
my descriptive powers to do justice to. The first day
we did tolerable we got as far as Christene and there
had a comfortable nights lodging, next morn we
proceeded on but every mile or two our Horses gave
out & not all the whipping spurring or kicking of
the driver, nor even all the Eloquence of the inside
passengers cou'd move them one step untill they chose
to go, a few miles on this side of Elk we were met
by Nyman who must be ranked worthiest of the worthy
for had it not been for his Mercurian strength we
might have been untill this day on the road he put

his shoulders to the wheel and helped us out of all our difficulties we found we could not reach the Stage we meant to put up at for the night unless we gave some relief to the Horses so Hyman Kitty Henry & myself got out and walked four miles & a half and left poor Richa. to enjoy the ride. Solus they arrived a short time before us and had the Mail Stage posted off for us but we were close to the house when it came up with us rich was nine O'clock. Imagine my situation who have so many (Womanish) fears excuse the expression walking in the woods at ^{that} late hour of the night, however next day made up for all for between One & two on Tuesday I had the pleasure of folding to my heart my much loved Mother and family who were all well. Fanny Taylor & her Darling Children & Husband have spent two days with us since my return Sally Otting & M^{rs} Wharke are spending the day with her, remember me Affectionately to Rachel Uncle Barnet your Brothers Aunt Bell & family M^{rs} Hays & Rhine, & Believe me my sweet friend your attentions to me whilst at Philadelphia shall always be held in gratefull remembrance.
Adieu your Affectionately Kitty Otting

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