

Frankfort Jan'y 10th 1839.

My dear Miss Gratz,

I received your kind letter of the 3rd ult; I would tender an apology, if apology I had, for not giving you an immediate answer. In lieu thereof receive my thanks. Enclosed I send a check for \$56. $\frac{25}{100}$ the amt as named in your letter which I must trouble you to have placed in the hands of Mr Darley. I am very anxious to see the picture; I trust that when the everlasting snows of your Pennsylvania Mountains melt, its advent will be with the first bird of spring, and I am sure that my whole household will give it a most cordial reception. I have given it to Gratz, reserving the right of profeision in myself, until the honorable little gentleman thinks proper to take to himself a companion as clever as the original. His young fancy may perhaps find one, that in his opinion will entitle him to the profeision, if he should be so successful I will cheerfully give him a whole gallery of pictures

including the veritable John Rogers and all his family. I doubt however whether he will ever be justly entitled to claim it on the terms that it is given, & I think I may safely promise myself a very long possession. I beg you not to put yourself to any inconvenience in procuring a conveyance, & should you find it difficult to place it in safe hands, I can have it brought out by some one of our merchants with their spring importations. Should Mr Jacob Gratz ever return in safety from the city of Harrisburg, you must thank him in my name for the documents he sent me, and tell him that I fear that William Penn could he return, would scarcely recognize his descendants among the belligerents of the Capital. My family are all well Mrs Brown joins me in kind regards to yourself & relatives. Gratz who is sitting by me, says that I must give you one & all his very best love.

Very Respectfully

Yr friend

Madison Brown

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