

St Louis  
Jan<sup>y</sup> 2<sup>d</sup>

My Dear Miss Gratz

I write to you  
at the request of my dear  
friend Mrs Meredith, to  
tell you that she is extremely  
ill, in fact, I fear there  
is but little hope of her  
recovery; she is attacked  
with violent disease of the  
heart, attended with oppression  
and want of breath, which  
give her dreadful suffering,  
but in spite of it all  
she is so resigned to the  
will of God and bears her

suffering with such admirable  
fortitude, that it is edifying  
to be near her; I went to see  
her this afternoon and she  
begged me write to you &  
tell you of her situation,  
and also that she was thinking  
of you in all her suffering;  
indeed she seems most warmly  
attached to you, and has  
spoken to me so much of  
you my dear Miss Gratz, that  
I feel tempted to call on  
you when I was in Philadelphia,  
as I feel that our mutual  
friend would be a bond  
between us to establish an  
acquaintance - I am

On such an occasion, I  
know I need not apologize  
for writing, but will only  
ask your permission to  
write again, if our dear  
friend should not grow  
better -

Believe me dear Miss  
Gratz, with the highest respect

Very truly yours  
Julia Chouteau

Julia Clouston



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