

Lancaster September 17th - 1852

I intended replying to your letter my loved
Becky by our dear aunt - but had not leisure to do, what inclination
even prompts - the moment after perusing the effusions of a friends heart
a thousand things rush in my mind - which I'd time and opportunity
permit - I want instantly pen - and express the gratitude I feel - tho'
perhaps it is best to defer - the delight untill it has evaporated a little
as a sheet wants scarcely be large enough to contain the numerous
things that occur - I have now twenty incidents - jumbled together in
my thoughts - which I must try to put down in a some order -
that you may be able to understand - for you know of me - how your I
can want in an unconnected and incoherent way ~~as~~ with in
the first place ~~advised~~ you no - as I have heard you say a minute -
correspondence was what you liked - and a pure joy - you are too
diffident of your virtues - which even your self-love in spite of every
thing - modesty, humility and candour, must whisper - are eminent - and great -
and I find most that person be who is a stranger to my dear girls worth -
fully was it acknowledged by your friend Becky Barney - Hymen &
I dare - say told you she was here - I was delighted to see her - and felt
extreme regret that her stay was so short - tho' endeavored to be with
her every moment I could - she often endeavored you - and wished you
here - most sincerely did I ~~re-echo~~ ^{echo} it - she came over from Staughton
on Friday morning ^{staid} until the egg was ready - when William called
for her - they both said kiss Becky for me - and set off for Harrisburg -
William appeared to be in high spirits - and Beckys much better than
I expected to find them - they had agreeable affable manners she gained
the admiration of every person that saw her - Mrs Staughton and Hapkins
said they never were more prepossessed in favour of a stranger -
indeed all seemed pleased with her becoming unaffected conduct -

The ship La-cause you mentioned - I have frequently heard of - tho I do not
recollect ever seeing her - with just detestation do you view her conduct - for
she must be lost to every generous principle - and at the worst - her own consci-
ence - may duty at defiance - have every void of refinement or sensibility must
that person be - who looks on the most sacred and binding of all engagements
in a frivolous light - and scruples not to sacrifice the object deserving her
esteem and gratitude - to perhaps sordid motives - only a fortnight ago you say
was she acquainted with the man to whom she entrusted herself ~~the~~
for life - to guide her through every difficulty - can he really suppose her
capable of participating in every care - from which none are exempted -
or acting in a manner - to justify his precipitate choice - but as you observe
he may have abilities to reform her and render her more amiable - was
not she the woman - they said whilst we were in Baltimore - W. B. Donnelly
how striking the contrast between the two persons - her that he united
to herself of virtue and every amiable quality to endear her to him - and
render his days happy - with such a companion - where - the most
unbounded affection cements the Union of two worthy hearts - how serenely
must life glide away - each day marked with something mutually to
add happiness - and when care or sorrow abtudes - kind conciliating sympathy
blunts the edge - and teaches resignation to them - who pidiuously inter-
mix pain and pleasure with our existence - lest the latter by being
tasted to excess would render us unmindful of his goodness - and unfit
to bear each sad reverse - that we are all doomed to encounter - what
a strain have I been led into - you will really suppose your Sally's brain
turned - and wish you had not so dull a correspondent

How rejoiced you

must have been to see our dear aunt - she with impatience wished
to embrace you all - her stay I am sorry will be so short - still must
confess we were selfish enough to endeavour to detain her here as
long as we possibly could - her charming society was truly gratifying -
and sensibly do we feel the deprivation of it - indeed - all who knew
her here regret her departure - by a letter from our dear Rachel
yesterday I learned that she had arrived safe at Laredo -

Sally M Cohen
1802

Miss Rebecca Pratt

Lawrence

Dear Sally

Congratulations on all on the Acquisition you have

Wednesday and Saturday too. Holston days

to your friends. I should love to see you back in the room, what a

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