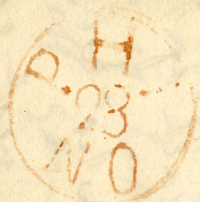


Wednesday morning

You will perceive my dear Betsy I can
improve on a hint, even, when I find mine are disregarded - tho
in Sally's letter you said another one from me would not be
unwelcome - and I should certainly have thought it an intrusion
on your time - which ~~must~~ be much engrossed - as in four
weeks, but one hurried letter could have claimed an half hour
for your friend - however I am not offended, but take up my
pen in perfect good humour - and cordiality with you - and feel
happy to have it in my power to assure all those you love
one in health - I said she would not write this day - so you
will only have to give one letter a perusal to-morrow -
and the next day I trust, will bring me tidings from you - if
it does not prove, like Chesterfield's, palser than the flatterer,
now after having professed this, I know not what to tell you
that will afford much amusement - we have not a Locke
here yet, to give scope to descriptive talents - but find he
has set all the inventive genius of New York in commo-
tion and they have filled letters, and newspapers innumerable
with the "hair breadth 'scopes" and jostling matches he has given
them - it is a pity some means could not ^{be} devised to quell
the riot, and disperse the mob - that those who have
taste to discriminate, and feeling to appreciate his merit as
an actor - might have an opportunity of telling others of
his mighty powers - instead of appearing their own absurdness in

climbing in windows, jumping over benches - and rescuing the fair
damaels - from most imminent danger - I, who am only fit to
pass through a crowd must humbly acknowledge - I would prefer
a guilt walk to a good seat where an attentive listening to the
celebrated performer would enable me to detail his excellence
in that art - The park is a spacious place - but what the
poor Philadelphians will do in their confined streets, when
he makes his appearance - ~~will make~~ all their lovers of good
order - ^{will} quake and tremble - besides you know this is a quiet
place - tho' so not be surprised to ^{hear} even the most peaceable,
are roused to action - and have kept the city in a kind of
tumult - by, as Beech says a trial of friends - tho' he say
plain a cause might have soon been decided - however
it called forth all the eloquence of the Bar - and drew
crowds of both male and female auditors - Mr Masco
will tell you all about it - he also was with on the occa-
sion - I am much delighted to hear dear Rachel
and her children are well again - we often wish she
was our neighbour once more - and whenever the sky
brightens, you see my face illumined with hopes of
good roads, and fair weather - at present traveling
must be dreadfully bad - so we must make a merit
of necessity, and wait patiently for an augmentation
of our circle - my dear mother was just here she
chides me for being a stranger at home - she is well



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