

Sept 6th 1812

My Dear Ben

We had the pleasure to receive your letters yesterday the one from Troy, for which I most heartily thank you, and that announcing you & our friend's arrival in New York. You have had a delightful time of it indeed, and poor Meyer is exceedingly mortified that he did not accompany you. He is still here tho' it has frequently been his intention to depart on the morrow. His father's arrival in Baltimore induced him to stay until he should leave his pleasure, and no letter arriving he waited for personal directions - on reflecting how much more profitably he might have employed a fortnight with you in travelling he is quite discontented that it has been wasted in the city - his cheerfulness greatly contributed to enliven the mansion after the gloomy week succeeding your departure. Mr. Meyer talks of proceeding on, as soon as the holidays are over, so you will probably pass them on the road. We were in hopes he would have ordered this the place of meeting which I believe would be more agreeable to Mrs. W. - who is no great friend to travelling - their little Georgiana has quite won our heart - she is one of the most interesting & intelligent little prattlers I ever saw.

As you are so well pleased with the Estates on the Lake I suppose we shall hear no more of settling in Northumberland, and may chance to hear of some day dreams of a speculating lawyer in another quarter - a patroness of Otsego is much better title than

power of a bidness, and I do not know but your learned Quakers
may be quite as profitable tenants, as bears & buffaloes, which
later will take much time & trouble to expel from their present
residence in your Pennsylvania principality.

I hope you have been to see my friends Maria & Eliza, and
introduced Adeline to them. pray convince them that I still inhabit
the land of the living, tho' dead to all other pleasure than that of
holding on to the affection of my friends. tell Bella not to be alarmed
at the rise of my last sheet for that I have learned how to divide
my paper, and shall moreover procure some of moderate size before
I write to her again - tell her too to recommence her musical
studies under a more able teacher than the New ark presbyterian
singing master. for that the harmony of her voice has been about
as well as the grace of her manners, I have lately heard a resem-
blance observed in both to a certain person, whom tho' she loves paper
well she would gain nothing by imitating - all our family & friends
are well & send their love to you - we shall hold you to your
promise of telling your travelling stories on your return -
do not fail to visit Rapiack.

Remember me affectionately to The children
And believe me my dear Ben truly your sister
Rg—

Tell Ann Nicholas we are anxious to hear from her, hope her health
is better than when we parted



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Mr. Benjamin Gator

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