

Phil^a Sept 20th 1814

My Dear Ben

We had a mischievous report in town yesterday, that
an election was held in camp, and you Ensign promoted to
the First Lieutenantcy of the company. This we did not believe
for many reasons, and among them the specious letter Jack
received from you - which was written in such easy spirits
that I was sure you had experienced no such mortification.
Within the last few days Sally has been confined to her Chamber,
and is better for the retirement. Tho' she suffers a good deal
of pain with a blister, she has written to you several times and
is always anxious to hear from you. We live rather a dull life
without you & so, in which however, we share but the common
lot. Phil^a streets are completely deserted, except by the few
military companies who parade of an afternoon. Jack bids me
tell you he fears their company will fall through - they are choic-
ing it for a marching company - the Capt. will not go. & they have
only thirty signatures. he is very anxious to effect its marching -
but is less sanguine of success than when last I wrote. for my
part, I cannot regret it. he is not very fit for a soldier's life
tho' I trust in the hour of need would be able to do his duty -
could you not get some business to bring you home for a day or

two? say from Friday till Sunday or Monday. that you may feast and
Fast with us on the Approaching Great day. we long to see you again
and if Sally was well enough. should certainly pay you a visit at
Wilmington. it seems very tantalizing that you should be so near
and conveniently situated. yet for us, in vain - I rode to Bloomfield
this morning with Richa & Adeline. you are a great favourite with
the latter and we did you the honour to say a great deal about
you. Richa you know is quite maternal in her regards. she was
so eloquent and affectionate in her remarks that we allowed
her to have the last word on the subject. as great a compliment
as two talking girls could pay to I believe I mentioned before
that Adeline had changed her home and is now with Richa.
Sallys indisposition made her stay here very confining and con-
-strained. she was averse to propose it, but I persuaded she
would it, and felt she must be happier when released from
the continual scene of agitation & excitation that alternately
beset one poor invalid. In losing her society I have much to
regret. but it is altogether a selfish feeling and therefore easily
checked.

Poorucky Rawle is very ill. for the last two days
the family have been much distressed on her account. Dr. Kuhn
thinks her situation dangerous, but not hopeless. Mrs. Levy, recovery
from a similar attack gives hope for her. all who know pray for
her recovery. Our Sisters & their dear Children are well and always
and most affectionate Love - Rachel closes me with so much

of the Tennessees, were it not for his youth he would
be the proper man, our success will entirely depend
on the selection of a suitable Captain, if Fair-
man had it in his power to go down he would be
accompanied by every member of the corps - observe that
what I have said about Williams has emanated
entirely from myself, I have no authority from
the company to make any proposals, altho' they look
up to the officers to nominate the person -
I have heard Col. Rague speak in the highest
terms of Bro McCall's military acquirements
but the objections to Williams will apply
more powerfully to McCall unless we are
able to form a marching company I much fear
we cannot exist in our present state - Do you
W. would accept the command if it were proposed
you can make an indirect enquiry
Let me hear from you early, I hope you will
have it in your power to be here on Saturday, God
bless you always Joe -

In the paper (Jackson) which Kate is putting up for you
you will see the advertisement of our election committee -