

We were much concerned My dear Brother to find your
 journey was delayed by the indisposition of our darling Gracie
 My thoughts have journeyed with you and been anxiously fixed
 on that dear child ever since your departure but I trust
 your predictions will be verified and that he has recovered from
 Kingston better than he left Phila. My dear Sister too I have
 thought so much of on account of her increased fatigue that
 I have scarcely enjoyed the gratitude I owe her for the happi-
 ness of this happy summer. When I hear that you are all safe
 home and in possession of your usual comforts she may
 expect an overflow of those feelings which a sense of her
 present toil keeps in check. but you must tell her and
 your sweet boys that every body here loves them and talks
 of them daily. Horace bewails his little companions and refers
 even thing to Aunt Maria. Julia & Charles Hoffman arrived
 on Thursday. he immediately adopted Julia for a sweetheart
 and being asked what he would do with so meaning he said
 he would pack them all up & send them to Kentucky for
 Aunt Maria to choose three of the best out for Gracie, Edward
 & Horace - indeed there are few hours pass with out some refer-
 ence being made to the beloved travellers. Our friend had
 clear breezes on Sunday. all are well and untroubled as they

may affect you - The family are all well except Mr Hay
who within some days has been indisposed yesterday he had
small symptoms of intermittent but I hope it will not go off
Ellen has not been home since Friday - Our dear little niece
Opposite are among our most ardent admirers their eyes
sparkle with joy or reversion when ever they speak of you
here or of the happiness we miss since you left us - Peggy
wonders if a journey across the mountains would make her grow -
Ellen Hoffman is as tall as I am and only of her age -
George bids me tell the boys when he gets big enough to ride
he will come to Kentucky to see them. He the little darling
too that Aunt Becky has sent them little chairs to sit by
the fire on when they get home - and that she sends them
a great many kisses and says they need not forget her -
My dearest Ben accept and beg Maria to believe in
the sincere & devoted affection of my heart - and from
the Almighty Father blessings upon you
both - ever & forever Yours Relative

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