

My dear Ben

I was really surprised to hear of your speedy return to Balt. and have only time to tell you we are all well at home. Your letter reached me at dinner time. we had company. who have detained me until the sun is declining. My man has just returned home, quite well. we have had letters from Maria ^{first wife 1807} & from Bedford & Pittsburgh. The latter place they expected to leave on the 8th. she writes charmingly & sends kind messages to you.

I can not "bore" you with long letters this time as the business of the week is to be closed immediately give my love to Dr. Conner & family - and believe me always
your Affect. to Sister
R. G.

Aug. 14.

tell us here from you if you should decide on a longer stay. Adieu

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