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My Dear Ben

I sent by the express to day
a box to your address containing a jar
of Potted Shad. which I hope will not be
shaken into an entire mass. The cold weather
this Spring has been very unfavorable
to river fish. The Shad is particularly late
and small. I was afraid to wait until
they got larger, but it might be too warm
to send them - at any rate you will
see that we remembered your taste
when the season arrived. That might you
justify it. Indeed my dear Brother, there is
no season that does not bring you to our
thoughts by some pleasant affectionate
memorial, no time that you are not in
our hearts and cherished in fondest love.

We have just received telegraphic
intelligence of the sudden death of Logden
Stoffman, Julia leaves in the morning. he
did not stay. we suppose his illness must
have been very short, as there was but a
few hours between the first indication of
it and the announcement of his death -
unfortunately George is absent and his

accompanies Julia in the morning.

Major Mordue arrived in the Plover on Tuesday. he looks very well and seems to have enjoyed his whole tour greatly. To morrow he proceeds to Washington where the officers meet, after greeting their families. Laura will go with her Father and joined with him to Richmond with him - His family continue here until his return, to make arrangements for their future residence. Tell my dear Ann I received her letter yesterday, for which I truly thank her. a rainy day prevented my attending to her communications, but shall try to excite them without delay.

our brother Jo, desires me to tell you he will write to you very soon, as soon as he feels right again - he is almost well, but is still dependent on sea sickness & warm weather for his comfort. he has resumed his visits every evening to the Collet house. which is a strong evidence of returning health. Hyman is busy all the day - the Academy of Fine Arts is in the first week of annual exhibition, and I assure you he looks very venerable, among the artists. Sue is better, he has been able to walk out again since the weather

Wm. G. G. G.

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