

June 26, 1831

Blessed be they who send glad tidings - tidings of safety and joy from distant friends - and blessed are they who receive it too. My dear Maria, as I did in your letter from Lexington, announcing your arrival at home, wherein you have journeyed in pleasantness & peace - excuse me for using scripture paralogy (not profanely) for my heart is lifted up in gratitude to the most Holy whose presence guarded you & your little ones on the way - Now my Sister I can thank you with a free and grateful spirit for all the pleasure your affectionate inquiry pursued me since you are again restored to your happy home and domestic comforts. Whilst here the thoughts of a fatiguing journey you had to encounter, tied up my tongue, and perhaps we are not so well able to express our value of a blessing whilst in its full enjoyment, as when it is withdrawn, and the contrast places it in the strongest light - the dear boys' tenderest murmurs would be music to my solitary morning occupations - but I am well soon he home again and will give his glowing accounts of great Kentucky.

I wrote to Mr Blair last week and sent him your message from Pittsburgh - but have seen no puff in the globe. the fragments of the old cabinet are such perfect Hydras that the more it is cut in pieces the more heads rise up against the old Genl - and the strength of Atlas can scarcely support the globe in his defence. he has gone on a visit to old Point Comfort - and verily he must need it, after the perplexities of such a season - I find Henry Hall has gone to Norfolk also, and shall send him his shirt, next week. Sam^l Marx is in town and will take charge of them, he says,

Samuel is recovering her spirits and is well, she writes frequently to Sister who requires some relaxation from the painfulness of her situation - Grace came home well yesterday for the first time he regretted that he could not see Aunt Maria before she went - Isabella is no better - Henry will be home in August, he has written to request you will give him a letter of introduction to Mr Blair who may probably be sensible to him in his profession and will thank you to send it under cover to him directed to Phil^a.

I was at the Academy on Friday with Miss Peters - & if you could hear her speak of you, I believe my dear Maria, I seek her solely for the selfish pleasure of hearing her praise you, because I know she sincerely regards you, and appreciates your society. She is going to accompany her old friend Mr Rawle on a visit to Baltimore for a few days, he is just released from confinement - & Miss Carol is permitted to walk about her room - Eliza Raketa sits on her mattress - and dear Bernand is running about at home & well!! his opinion shall be sent with your bonnets - as a model for your medical - or rather surgical school. I hear Dr. Physick attributes the reputation Phil^a obtained for the cure of complaints to which it may be applied, entirely to its invention - unfortunately since they no longer would employ Mr Rawle's talents in carving heads for ships he could not continue here, and no one else has taken up the trade. So if your clever mechanics are taught this art. Letting for may through Bernand fall heir to this important discovery.

I sent to Mr Gifford and procured "The Dutchman's Fire side" for you, which waits an opportunity, no other new work of merit has appeared, and this is not the best of Paulding's writing - he seems as much opposed to internal improvement - steam boats & rail roads as his friend Mr. and he does not bear out the superiority of the olden times in this country over the new - his characters are modern enough in their caprices - faults & feelings.

impression which cannot be effaced on the hearts of your
relations here - and are most tenderly & devotedly beloved by your
true Sister Rachel -

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Sister Mary & her Daughters beg to have a special love sent for
them - and to Mrs. Sarah West and - and all a special -

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