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There are some happy influences my Dear Sister, that can extract good from every thing, and you seem to possess them, this is a moral Alchemy far more valuable than changing base metals into gold, in as much as you have more subtle materials to work on, and the result is more certainly conducive to human happiness. for if you put iron in the crucible you may spoil a plough-share to make an idol, whereas when you put poor old Jackson in the way of doing a kindness ^{to} the emigrant Prince, and advance the fortune of an orphan youth, you give him an opportunity of doing an act which "twice blesteth" - and verily it must be a comfort to him in the turnings and vexations by which he is surrounded to do one little deed which may "bless him that gives" for what with the disclosures of his old cabinet, and the interference of the new one, he may be tempted to doubt his own identity and exclaim am I the President, am I the Honorable Chief? do you not feel mortified, my dear sister, at all these disgraceful scenes exhibited so near the place of highest honor in our country. I do, and I wish you were near enough to exercise your influence at court, and give council to friend Preston who holds the ear of Majesty. By the bye a change of dynasty will not destroy your power, and I shall be so happy to see you at the right hand of the next president, that I am determined to accompany you to Washington at the inauguration of Mr. Clay, at which occasion my dear mother has always presumed I should be a witness, it is rather long to be sure to sail, but then if I go to Kentucky in the summer, and help you to bring in the boys at Autumn, or shall be able to execute all our plans, provided the people are

wise enough to do as we wish them -

Miss Peters is charmed with your letter but she has not had the civility to show it to me. she has been working me a cravat which is very pretty, and continues to be kind to me for your sake. we went together to hear Judge Robinson's oration on Friday. the citizens have deserted for watering places which makes the streets very dull, and gives us fine opportunities for home pleasures. I am sorry I cannot send you "Robert De'Paris" Sir Wallace is not so prompt as usual the third Vol has not yet arrived. but the Young Duke is highly spoken of, and will accompany the Duke of Devon.

Gracie Elting is well & home again. Isabella no better. Mamma receives the Dr. kindly, but her Father is still adverse, and I can not conjecture how the affair will terminate. The girls are disappointed by the arrival of the Savannah party without Sally Minnie. her brother travelled by land, spent some time in Richmond & gives good accounts of Harriet. who writes that she has requested her brother to look out a good opportunity to Kentucky for her to pay you a visit - our sisters are well. I wish you could hear the eulogy addressed to your Portrait when any of the girls come to pass a day with me - Your little Sarah has grown quite eloquent and apostrophizes Dear Aunt Maria, in every key & measure her young imagination can suggest. I came in at the end of an oration she was making to Sarah Keys the other day, which concluded by comparing you to a full blown rose. perfection! she thinks she should be perfectly happy to live with you always. she is reading very delightfully, and I hope when you

by to leave their friends here - that they may be glad to come again - for
I hope never to be so long separated from them again - or you either my
dear sister & brother. I feel now that what remains of life is too precious
when in ~~the~~ ^{the} society of ~~those~~ ^I love - to be measured out in such
long intervals between - Adieu May God never bless you
ever your affectionate P. G.

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