

With tears of joy and admiration and gratitude
my dearest Mother I peruse your letter and thank
God with all my heart for the blessings he has
multiplied to you and my beloved Brother -
never was letter written under such circumstances
as yours of the 8th I cannot express my feelings
on the subject and if your boy inherits the noble
spirit of his Mother - he shall carry down to future
generations the history of his natal hour.
"Many daughters have done valiantly - but thou
exceedest them all" - The King's Mother might sing
in her praise when inserted to such a proof of heroism
by admiring nobles and she knew that the renown
of her song would spread through the land - but such
an act of disinterested love as you have given
me, my devoted Sister must go unrecorded except
in the imperishable it has made on our hearts -
if I were to tell it to the men - they having never
felt or seen a labours would not know how to
estimate it - but Ellen shall have the benefit
of your example and if she does more than
make boy faces - why she ought only to bring forth
girls - I embrace my dear Ben with a heart full

of love and gladness - and share the triumph
of each of the darling brothers - so Camp is not
jealous - Why need he be so - each of your children
have an equal and individual place in your
love and have no cause for jealousy - nothing
but good feelings spring up in their innocent
minds and these are so nurtured - and regulated
that I trust they will through life exhibit an
example of brotherly love - it was once a dis-
turbishing feature in our family - alas! that
there should have been any cause of strife -

We are all enjoying very good health - and
the news of today will give us a happy Sabbath
the male cousins with their whole troop the
strangers with us to remain - the girls are still in
New York - Ellen is settled at lodging in Walnut
Street where they will continue during the winter
Mr E. hopes to renew his business here - they are
both much more cheerful - and seem in better
hopes. our brothers send love & congratulations
Sarah danced for joy - and Eliza is quite
proud of another boy - I sent billets to our sisters
to announce the glad tidings - and must now
go to tell what they would not credit of any
other woman - my dearest sister be careful now
of your precious health. nurse yourself well
and be as happy as you deserve -

Handwritten signature in red ink.

Mrs Benjamin Grant

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