

My dear Mother how my dear heart throbs to know you
will tell me in confidence to everything that
is left and a kiss to the little stranger daughter. Mr
Gibbs might have called a family meeting in Phila
the morning & Henrys are all home but his way is
so short that he will hardly see any thing or any body
once. Brothers chose to stay in the last time
and this afternoon it seems to me as if it were
the same - when I see you

See R. G. letter in margin

Philadelphia Oct 23 1836

I received your kind letter my
dear Aunt some time ago, and should have
thanked you for it long ago, but all the
excuse I can offer is the old saying "Procrasti-
tation is the thief of time" has prevented me.
But as Mr Joseph as long used to call him, instead
staying at Lexington on his home to pay his
respects to Mrs Grady I cannot let so good an
opportunity pass without doing so.

Wells Son & Uncle may be uneasy about Uncle
Ettings situation, I must tell you all I know,
the fact is his long and severe attack has
left him so excessively weak I really think that
it is a chance whether they will be able to raise
him, although the Doctors (Hays & Chapman) think
there is now a chance of his recovering, and I
do hope and pray that he will be spared
yet a while longer to his family, I think there
may be perhaps some cases where death may be

desirable, but when it comes it is never welcome.
Were you not surprised to hear of Miss Ames
engagement to Mr. Cohen? but indeed I don't know
who was not.

Montgomery Blair and his wife are fixed for the
winter in your town I suppose, he is a clever fellow
and I think she is the same if I mistake not
from what I hear of her. I am very glad to hear of old
Lem's ~~improvement~~ improvement under one care last summer.
I suppose your drops and uncle Ben's cups have
made you both mighty Proud "mestee-pasna Tante."
We have got a house full just now Cousin Harriet
and her two children and Mary Denees are staying
with us, I can assure you we are tolerably naïve with
our complement of visitors, but notwithstanding all
that we could still afford to have a little Kentucky
racket along with it.

James Blair is still here at school, and is very much pleased
with his journey to Niagara and Canada which he
took with ~~with~~ Mr. Southwaze Koellhauser as Howard
used to call him. Well Aunt we must part again as
my other sheet is mortgaged to Aunt Becky, but not
without commissioning you with my love to Uncle &
the boys, and also with ~~kind~~ remembrances to all enqui-
ring friends whether Black or White, Man or Beast not
even forgetting my old friend Bluekin.

Davis offers

(H. Moss)
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to have consented? He goes home in about 10 days - and means to return & claim her before the end of the year. do you not think I must hold him? - Brother Jr and I went out together last week to choose your carpets & curtains and they are in the hands of Mr Christie - I hope they will please you and our dear Ben - I could not get sight of Dr G's cabinet but the vendor told me there was not a word of it to be had and we could only get the best that was in the market - If they do not suit your taste - you must follow Dr G's example who I heard to day had sold his entire furniture to some Southern Gentleman - Mr Davis of Natchez has bought Swifts establishment in chemical steel for \$40,000 & is going to reside here -

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your things will soon be ready to send. I feel some regret that your address was not more particular. bearing you may not like what is gotten as well as you could have directed - embrace your dear boys for me. and give my true love to my dear brother May God bless you all forever your devoted Rly.