

July 27th 1841

You are received, my beloved sister,
 and with heartfelt gratitude I return
 thanks to God for the blessing - one dear Peers
 letter gave us all so much happiness, that
 I could do nothing but spread the glad tidings
 at home & abroad - the post carried letters to New
 York, and to one dear Howard, who I was afraid
 might possibly not have received his Father's
 letter, and I am pleasing myself with the
 anticipation of his next communication ~~which~~
 I know will be joyous - I did not let Mary know
 how very rich you were but it would either
 keep her from going to the shore, or destroy the
 benefit she expected - but tell her the hopes
 which are now realized, that she would get
 better news by the time she returned - you must
 give my dear Brother a thousand thanks
 for his comforting letter, I wrote to him so
 recently that I will spare him this time, and
 trust your recovery will be so rapid, that he
 will not be long employed in nursing. as our
 Sora is, poor Becky is so long in getting over her

more than that I do not know when to expect
her home, unless think I shall go on to see them
myself next week, for it is still very uncertain
when Bessy will be able to come to us. Bessy is
considered out of all danger from her confinement
but great caution is necessary to prevent her suffer-
ing from its effects - she can only sit up about
two hours a day, and she has been more than
a month confined -

Miss Craig dined with me yesterday - the poor
child is by no means satisfied at Fingert, and
she does not mean to continue at school, and is
very sorry she did not go to Bordentown - she goes to-
morrow to the country with Mr. Rockhill - from
the many little annoyances she related, I do not
wonder that she longs to get home. Some timid
sensitive characters, are never understood
in the heartless community of a great boarding
school, and totally unable to make their way
through them - a determined, independent girl, with
high talents, would hardly be subjugated ^{to} them, or would
soon get rid of them - I think it probable Bessy
better will determine never to postpone her visit
until she finishes her education, as she told I
nothing would induce her to go, without the certainty
of getting back in a short time - she did not say



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