

Your last letter My dear Maria mentioned that your little boy had some return of his fever, and now more than two weeks have passed without one hearing from you - I should be very sorry to attribute your silence to a continuance of the sweet child's disorder. yet you know how foolishly we are apt to blend things together in vain attempts to account for what is not within sight - and somehow over-looking my own underservings / for I have not answered your last, I am continually remembering that my rosy-checked boy had a fever. pray dearest, tell me that he is well and that you are all just as I wish you to be, happy and well - delighting every body in your usual kind way, and every day fulfilling your wise determination of gaining some grains of useful knowledge. If you do my sister, what a sorry figure, I shall make in your society when we next meet for you know how far behind "the March of Intellect" has left me, and whatever efforts I may make to hobble after you I shall be distanced in the race: no matter, I shall keep your triumph in view and enjoy it with as true a love as sisters heart could wish -

"last week hymen sent you" Moore's Lord Edward Fitzgerald no one wrote by the same opportunity but I hope you have got the book, as we have been much interested and pleased with the perusal. I think I told you last summer that I made acquaintance with Pamela's daughter - was it not too bad of her ever to have married again, after the tragedy here set forth so touchingly?

Dr. Dudleys chairs are on their journey, so the interest of the institution will not suffer this time by the tardiness of professors

of the useful acts, I hope the learned lecturer will not find his chair too composing for his studies. your orders are not yet all executed, but will be forth coming with all convenient speed, and I hope meet your approbation.

I am glad my dear sister, the Kentucky blacks reason so wisely the poor butches in Virginia have indeed been deluded to their ruin, the summary way of punishing offenders by shooting them down like beasts of prey without trial or distinction is too shocking no doubt many innocent suffered with the guilty and every occasion which exposes a human being to be thus dealt with in a land of equal laws, is a political as well as a moral evil - Samuel writes that there will be a great emigration of free blacks from Virginia to our states which I regret - because we have already more than find employment, and therefore are exposed to suffering & vice - it is hard they should be banished from one state to prey upon another - I believe I should not have thought of your being in any danger. for I have always seen you with your own faithful people about you - who seem to love you well enough to shield you from harm, had not your sister & I got on the subject, just about the time when alarm was contagious - but you have reassured me. and I think you would be an able advocate for the race. should such be called for -

I suppose you have heard that Susan Brown is to be married immediately to Mr C. Ingersoll. her circle then goes to Louisiana for the winter - he has presented his elegant French furniture to Susan, who will go to housekeeping in Walnut Street. Your friend Miss Peters always sends her love to you - and says could she use her own hand should certainly write - but she knows you would not value a correspondence through a second hand. it was some time ago reported that Mr Brown was addressing her - but that you may suppose was only a jest - she was quite disturbed about it - as she has often declared her intention never to marry. at present she is interested in another object a young clergyman - brother to the Mr Richmond you are acquainted with - lately arrived from Greece. has embarked in a period

we have parted with our neighbor Mr Rutledge or I fear a hopeless war
he went to Charleston on Thursday. but his disease has increased so rapidly
that it is doubtful if he will ever return - he has taken Caroline with him -
Mrs R. does not seem to realize his danger - how happy for her, since she has
to take charge of all her large family during his absence - and if he returns
no more - how could she endure such a separation. if she realized his danger.

I have my young friend Julia Hoffman here, and am delighted with
her, she is very intelligent, well informed, and amiable. She converses
agreeably - reads extremely well, and is quite satisfied with the
domestic manner we have. so that I have no trouble to seek



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amusements for her, and always find her good society - the girls
talk so much of you to her, that with looking on your picture and
listening to your praise - she fancies herself well acquainted -
May my dear Maria, how is your finger? I hope it has got as
well as my bruises - for they have all disappeared except a
little one on my forehead, and that is more felt than seen -
Adieu my dearest - our sisters join in the kindest love to you & Ben
with your most faithful & devoted Julia R. G.
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