

Wale My dear Maria after waiting so long for  
a passage over the Delaware, our Brother & boys are obliged  
to take to the Rail road to morrow morning, and on this 13<sup>th</sup>  
day of March the streets are frozen as rigidly as at mid winter  
but we cannot spare you much longer, nor bear to deprive  
you of the joys you so yearn to embrace, and so on Tuesday  
morning you will have the happiness of ~~reaching~~ <sup>seeing</sup> them  
in as full & perfect health as your own heart could  
ask, nor after this intelligence you will care for little  
else that this letter may contain and so I will fill it  
with business after first thanking you for the two charming  
letters you have this week bestowed on me - You know, and  
so ought Mr Blair that I think it as much an act of friend-  
ship to ask, as it is to perform a kindness, and am therefore  
always gratified when I am applied to, for a service it may  
be in my power to do. Mr Foulhouse, has such a school as  
you enquire for, in the city - he is a French catholic, a very  
sensible learned man and a gentleman. he has several  
boarders and the French language is spoken in his family -  
Frederic Gleeman is one of his pupils and his father recommends  
him highly. Dr Gray has promised to make enquiry for other  
situations in town & country - but I doubt whether any more eligible  
will be found. I will procure for you his card - terms &c. and what  
other information you desire - at Philadelphia the French is not  
spoken - and his school is so large that it has outgrown the  
recommendations so liberally bestowed on it - they satiate &  
quick are laugh at Mr Foulhouses school

I got Bee's linen & the pattern sheet yesterday and that  
put them in hand, forthwith but am sorry my dear  
sister, to disappoint you respecting the little boys clothes  
I can find nothing pretty in the shops - and every body talks  
of the abundant stock that are waiting until the ice  
breaks up - so I have concluded to wait until they are here  
and can send them to you by Dr. Kutter - who will be in  
Washington as soon as the river opens. The big boys also  
will not have having been wardrobe prepared until they  
return, and this because they were afraid to trust so in-  
portant a matter into any body's hands. When they were at  
home to see that they had a right fit. Your garden seed  
are all packed and will be forwarded in a few days.

I am delighted to hear that our dear Ben will be here & soon  
and hope you will enjoy your trip to Richmond and the  
back before he arrives. The first of April wishes in  
the papers and I should like to have you all home by  
then. Julia arrived on Monday last - they are all at  
Johns' Hays'. Howard among them - he is not left of a  
bean than usual, we shall miss them both very much  
and I long to see dear little Hyman & Cassy - Henry E.  
mentioned that the latter had been indisposed - but I hope  
not seriously, as you say nothing about it. You have been  
in such a vortex of dissepation & excitement all winter. That  
the other quickness of home will require a change of seasons  
to be relieved - at least by Breckin. but even Washington  
will I suppose relax a little on the approach of Easter  
Some of our young saints are shocked that the whole of  
last should not be a retirement.

For

Wm Benjamin Gorton

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