

Philadelphia Dec^r 6th

at length my Dear Ann I have the pleasure to tell you that the Box is dispatched and I hope will arrive safe and in season. It is strange how interwoven all the affairs & movements of the people of a republic are through the different grades of society. When I came home a month ago, every body was wild about the Election. The city was full of flags and the very boys in the street were shouting Clay or Polk, and all our hearts beat with hope or fear when the mails arrived freighted with the people's voice. Then came the uncomfortable reaction - and those who had neglected their business were hard to get sobered down to the new state of affairs. Our neighbors did not get to work for some time, at least those saucy shoe makers I employed, for they kept me a whole week too long, and I would not write to you, until I could tell you the Box was gone. It is directed to "Colliers & Timber Lake" (the only firm I could remember) for Benj. Grady Lesly & Co. - and if my directions to Miss Dances has been attended to, you will find the bundles with their owners names on, to Mrs Dances please say that having a little more money than her deep cost, I spent ^{it} in the purchase of coffee & 4 pr gloves. The bills are sent with the things - if I have done wrong please give her \$5 for me, and keep those articles. Mrs Dances stockings will also be found in the box!

your two caps, are packed with Marys bonnet - and
here comes a list of your other articles - 2 dresses, shawl
6 pr gloves 4 pr boots 2 pr black satin shoes collar & cuffs the
former to be especially worn with the silk dress, when steel
of its thick stomacher, & the cuffs to be attached to thin sleeves, on
like occasions, for evening dress - 2 pr roses, to be worn in
the hair on each side the head - or put on collar. 2 pr shoes
for my little darling Minnie. and a "Princke" for her dear
Mama - with some sewing thread & her washed gloves -

in another box will be found a ginger cake for my dear
Ben, and some sugar stuff for my boys - O how disappointed
I was that I could not get all I wanted to send in that
box. Marys new cake some beads - white paper, and a nice
parcel directed to each of the dear family with whom I
hoped such a happy summer! but no matter, the thought
was with me, and if ever I have a chance I shall not mind
travelling a traveller to put my intention into act.

I had a letter from my dear Mary yesterday which I shall
soon reply to, the only thing wanting in it was a particular
mention of dear Hyman's com. and I knew if it were some
the would ^{have} said so, and therefore with a comfortable kind
of reasoning I will infer that it is unrequiring. She tells
me tho' that you are still attending on your suffering
Brother, I am sorry to hear he is suffering still, I hoped he
might have been well enough to have gone south, and tried
the effects of a milder climate. I know it is a consolation
to you, to minister to his comfort, in performing this duty
you must not lose sight of the care necessary to preserve
your own health, you were just growing strong when I left
you, and your child still depends on you so my dear
Aun, you must endeavor to portion your duties so
as not to sacrifice one to another, nor your self to
either. Poor Minnie bids me, Michael for St Louis

I heard to accuse himself for not writing to Rev. he gives so
 over the disappointment of the Whigs, that I believe he fears to trust
 himself - but he begins to look better, & I shall say will soon take up his
 pen. My dear, hopes himself most enviable, but he remains in-
 tently about the same thing. I am "pines with a green yellow melan-
 choly" but I trust - thank God I can always trust - that things
 may turn out better than they seem, and thus am borne
 along the stream of life - "man never is, but always to be" that
 whole I say to my dear Brother & his dear Sons? love, love.
 I am full of love for them - I shall write to them all in due
 season - but I beg you will not let your so, suppose I have no
 room for him, nor Grady's room either - give my love to both
 and say I hope to see them here before very long on their road to perfection.

Harriet has been going to visit to her mother every
 day since last, but was prevented by rain. The
 winds are still blowing - he will wait for the
 weather. I see by the papers that you have been
 in Charleston on her way to New York. I see
 has not heard from her, since she left home.

Whereas

to the

Lexington Ky

Mrs Benjamin Grady

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Miss Mary

I have nothing to accuse you with - my time is occupied in
 a very quiet way. I have paid no visit - except from necessity
 my dear Lavinia Muller, spends every Monday evening with us, and some
 times other friends join her - next other evenings I am with sister Mary
 when Ellen comes I shall give her up - and go elsewhere - a thousand
 kisses to my sweet niece, and before they are all given you shall hear
 from me again. God bless you my dear Ann, may you give & receive
 happiness more and more as long as you live. yours affectionate B. G.