

January 15th 1809

You must think me a most unreasonable being, My Dear Maria, not to be satisfied with such letters as you send me. Your apologies, make me ashamed to apologise for the returns I am obliged to make - and were it not for the kindness with which I know you view every thing of mine I should not know how to impose such dull replies to your sweet letters as my dull senses can alone dictate.

Rockwell spent last Evening with us, and told us he should have been to day. his presence brings such a crowd of painful recollections of past pleasures that I know not whether happiness or misery were the most predominated sensations his friendly visits excited. the weather will probably detain him in town to day. but it will likewise prevent our seeing him again. he gave me those little pictures, the last effort of our Beloved Harriet's taste, which tho' I value very highly - I shall hardly have resolution to open. he saw Mrs. Wheaton and was much gratified by her attention, from the accounts he gives her husband has greatly reformed in his conduct towards her. but you

will probably see him as soon as you get there, and he will
tell you all about it. which will no doubt induce you to write to
her -

We received a letter yesterday from Aunt Schuyler, which
has made us very uneasy. her health she says is quite gone.
She has been five weeks confined to her bed, her spirits are
likewise very low, and the distance which separates us, seems to
render it impossible, under present circumstances that we should
have it in our power to mitigate her suffering. if she was with
us we might perhaps by assiduity & good nursing restore her.
but we seem doomed to suffer, in those near dear ^{to us} - God grant
she may recover! -

I hope all your dear children are well. I hear little Georgy
is not to be surpassed in beauty. Rachel's daughter is thought to
look like you, and her mother is not a little proud of the resemblance.
She is a sweet little girl, but does not yet attempt to rival Isaac.
Give my best love to the girls. I have not seen Charles for
six weeks, he seems to have forgotten us. Is there any period
fixed for his becoming one of your family? I think with great
pleasure on the prospect of Ann's being a resident of Phil -

Your old friend Kitty Clifton is going to be married, to a Mr.
Purport, a young man of great respectability.

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