

I received your letter yesterday my Dear Maria, and
 regret extremely the continued debility of your husband. after so
 severe an attack it is not unusual, and we are apt to think a
 patient worse in the first stages of convalescence than when they
 have the artificial strength fever produces. his nerves will soon
 regain their proper tone, and if this fine weather continues a little
 longer I hope you will both be able to take the benefit of it.

Our city has been quite in an agitation since Monday when
 the election of Bank Directors commenced. there has been canvass-
 ing and quarreling, and changing of tickets. - politics, personal interest
 and all the stronger passions have been engaged in the contest.
 which will all subside this morning, or be hidden from public view
 in the bosoms of the disappointed parties. There has been great num-
 bers of strangers attending, and of course the Ladies have commen-
 -ed their winter course of tea parties. one friend Mrs Meredith had
 one on Wednesday, which had she known the situation of her
 uncle would have been omitted.

I hope Charles Nicholas will obtain his wishes in the Bank
 my brother thinks he will. great interest has been made for him
 and I suppose the minor offices of this great machine may be
 managed with less difficulty. when once the Direction is fixed -

Your account of Eliza is the best we have received in a long time
 I hope they will adopt your plan of going to Italy, if they can
 not be with their children this winter, they might as well be in Europe

as in Charleston on this account, and much better on Elisas

When you are able to think of your self I hope you ^{will} adopt a regular system of prudential measures for the preservation of your health. this long confinement will make you very susceptible of cold when you are released from your husbands chamber. particularly as the season is changing to greater severity. but you have been so well instructed, & laden with medical admonitions. that I suppose you to be all in all prepared to consider what a precious thing is intrusted to your care. and how many of your best beloved friends are concerned in your success. our Dear Sally is better. she is not so frequently attacked by head aches. and I think her nerves begin to resume their steadiness. if she attains to the same degree of health & cheerfulness she enjoyed during the summer. I shall again realize a greater portion of happiness than is usually my lot. since you left us. I have been contending with perpetual anxiety on her account. tho she has not been sick.

Tell your husband his pretty favourite Miss Law is engaged to be married. Lloyd Rogers, brother to Mrs John Murray is the happy man. He waited a reasonable time for the performance of Mr. Hoffmann's promise but no suitor appearing was apprehensive the young gentleman declined she has gone to Washington again. and perhaps will return to us no more -

I suppose Mr Morris himself detains our friends Bella & Euphemia Ogden. what an awful lesson his present situation presents. so great a man, abandoned on his death bed to strangers and a worthless woman who has worked his down fall - he has refused to see his Sister I hear, and has dismissed David K. this must be a great aggravation to their feelings. & a triumph to his wife -

Give my love to Ann & Emma. I hope to see Ann established here according to her own wishes. Present me affectionately to your

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Mrs. Cyden Hoffman

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