

Philadelphia Feb 24th 1843

I am so happy my dear Maria to escape from my confinement, that I must communicate my pleasure to you my faithful Friend. in sickness and in sorrow I have ever found sympathy in your bosom. I regret your feelings should have been so much excited on the late occasion. My illness was of a much more painful nature to my Friends than to myself. My fever was not so violent as to make me delirious but excited my spirits beyond their natural bent. To reduce which Doctor Hubn tried all his skill, and after spilling 30 ounces of my loyal blood, poisoning me with 6 ounces salts, 16 grains calomel, two large blisters, frequent warm bathing, cataplasms, large portions of foaming draught, oyster shell, prepared, calomel magnesia &c &c. too tedious to mention. I am again on my feet and right glad to once more visit these lower regions. My Doctor took his leave on Monday after giving me strict injunctions to be careful in my diet and so forth and above all to keep out of the hands of the

Doctors. for which advice, and his cure of me, I pronounce
him the best Doctor in christendom not bating your
Post and Pillar Esculapius who may be a very good
Doctor for New York. I have of my own accord put on
gause stockings under my silk ones which expedient
dear Maria I would wish you to adopt. They are
comfortable and salutary. March you know is a
most trying month to invalids and you cannot be too
cautious in preserving your valued health. are you as
well as when you last wrote to me? Podmore gave
Bulcy a hint that you drept too thinly - as soon as
your Husband returns I wish you to familiarise him to
the Idea of your promised visit to us, I already begin to
enjoy it in anticipation, and thus you see by a delightful
future cheat the dull hours. How is Anne? and how
is dear Eliza and her bouncing boy? too much occupied
with him I suppose to bestow a thought on her poor
sick Friend give my love to her notwithstanding

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