

Sunday Feb 17th

The letter from you my dear Mother would at any time be most welcome and highly prized but that of yesterday was rendered doubly so by conveying to us the glad tidings of dear Sara's safety and the birth of another sweet babe for such she must be as you tell of a resemblance to Laura Independent of my sisterly affection for Sara I have all a woman's sympathies for those who encounter what she has just passed through therefore you and she may imagine the heart stirring joy and gratitude I felt at learning she was doing well with a darling little daughter sleeping at her side tell her a new pencil for her basket and lastly 'tis so comfortable is nothing to think those awful pains are at an end for I trust at least twenty months but don't let Sara know that I think they may ever recur for the bare reflection is sufficient to retard the recovery of any woman of ordinary powers And now dearest and kindest of Mothers let me congratulate

you on this happy termination of your anxieties. To Sara and the
Capt you must say many kind things for us on this ~~new~~ era in
their domestic history. I need make no particular wishes as my best
and truest are with them in all things.

It seems an age since you left us - I felt quite desolate the day
you left us and I urged me all the time to allow him to go to
"poor Uncle Henry" who was all alone - The day after I took him at
dinner time to see his Uncle when we came to George. He propo-
sed we should turn into it as it led to Washington and we should see
dear Grandmamma Aunt Sara & Laura - We found Henry quite
well seated before a bright warm fire and his head encased in his
night cap for further protection against cold - he entertained us
with most excellent ginger cake - Elizabeth looked in perfect
good humor and Hal gave a most favorable account of her
behavior - I was at the house again yesterday saw both of the girls
and found every thing just as you would wish - but I did
miss your kind maternal welcome - Dear Aunt Becky accom-
panied me on the visit we came together from Synagogue
stopped at Hossett's and found all well there - his children
looked very lovely. Mark was a perfect picture with a little pup
on his lap - on my return home I received the delightful
news which with your accustomed kindness you so promptly
sent us - Aunt Becky proposed we should all make merry
together so the Doctor & myself went into dinner and there found

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have been known that many
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see their friends and
the fatherless - the
bread of love which
needed to be
to see them turned out
to see - like you of your

With love
you and we all
to everyone who
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