

Boston September 20th 1804.

Your letter dear Rebecca reached me yesterday, and in the pleasure it yielded me ~~brought~~^{found} a pardon for all sins of omission - but so far was my heart from charging you with neglect that I feared you were suffering from indisposition, an assurance of your health was so grateful to me that I soon became reconciled to the silence you had afflicted me with. Do not believe me so thankful for benefits received as to immediately repine when deprived of some of them, your letters are ever delightful to me but they must come voluntarily and cheerfully to make me wish for them. whenever you can and are well disposed to loan me one of your excellent productions. Do so - I will rejoice in them; but when you are a little indolent never spare me - indulge your feelings I will make no unjust charges. but rest satisfied you do not forget me - - My Spirits are too low this morning to write more than a few lines - and Heaven only knows when I shall be sufficiently composed to take my pen again - My dearest sister Brother with my cherub niece leave us on Monday - they will be with you in Philadelphia. you wish to know

them and I sincerely desire it. This letter will be handed you by them. I
must envy you the kisses you will receive from the little
angels. Think of me when you bless them and do it again and
again for me. My heart will be heavy at the time you are
enjoying the dear society of these precious friends of ours. — you
must write me one of your consoling letters telling me all
about them how they look and what you thought. —

Catharine is astonished you have not received a long letter
from her as she sent one by the Post since she had your last.
She offers you her best love and bid me say there must be
a letter of hers in the Post Office at Philadelphia.

I have not called to see Mrs Davis. if it is a wish of yours I should
I certainly will. — but the extent of our society is now beyond.

The possibility of our attention from the constant indisposition of
our Mother, this alone has prevented our visiting Mrs D. —

Still if she is a friend of yours I will instantly endeavor to make
her one of mine. you will pardon my short letter but
I can no longer separate myself from these dear-dear friends.
I am so soon to part with perhaps forever — The love of
all here is expressed you with sincerity. make mine acceptable
to your Mother Sister and Brother. and believe me

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