

Boston November 1st 1804

Do not chide me Dear Rebecca for so long delaying
to answer your kind and welcome letter, believe me it was
not ingratitude that urged my silence, but a conviction I was not
enough possessed of that gentle equilibrium of happiness as to obtrude
myself on your rational well arranged heart and time. Our
sister with her family leaving us seemed to rob me of the little
fortitude and resignation that I had for years been endeavoring to
obtain, and I knew not how to believe it necessary that sleep
of my treasured happiness should thus be stolen from me -
I have once more learnt the difficult lesson of submission and
the first use I make of my returning reason is to assure you
of my gratitude and love. - Some few expressions relative to our
Deare Rachel residing in the same place with yourself. I saw
a smile of triumph flash from me while perusing your last letter.
Perhaps you remember the admirable advice you once offered me
at my regretting my sisters birth to us - since we only met to
part. - and yet you say now: you could never have been
reconciled to Rachel's marriage had she not become a resident
of Philadelphia, how true it is my good and wise friend we
must suffer to know how to feel for others - even anticipation

gave you pain while you chide me for complaining of realities.
You are all goodness excepting sometimes charging me a little unjustly.
Why should you suppose I had implanted my evil spirit of retaliation
in the bosom of Sally; indeed you must believe it to proceed from
the general formal disposition of the family that she did not listen
to those kind solicitations of yours and introduced herself her Husband-
three children and a domestic to the hospitable and friendly mansion
of your Parents. Had her reasons been as excellent as yours when
you first arrived here there pardon might have been soon accorded
her - you had only constant request of the concessions of your sisters
Husband beside some very sincere offers of friendship for yourself -
while she merely knew you from reputation and had learned to
love you from the representation of her sisters - we all heartily
thank you for devoting so much of your time to our friends -
and you must tell your sister Mary and Sally I send them
both some heart warm tips for their attention to the dear
travellers - I almost envied you the way our voices mingled in
social pleasures - Julia is indeed my darling & they are all infinitely
precious to me - and I bid them all love you before they left
me - In regard to Mr Myers Utopian plan of residing in Philadel-
phia I know nothing of but think he will have to contend with
a host number should he leave Richmond and have any
home but Boston. -

I sympathize truly in your feelings when you last wrote I had
observed the Death of young Senno in the Paper and recollected

Humour in face of your laughing at me - remember me with affection
 to the friends that composed your domestic fire side and accept the
 love of my family - God bless you dear Rebecca believe me
 sincerely your Henry -

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 Nov. 1st 1807 -

Rebecca

High Street

Philadelphia



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with you