

Philadelphia May 23rd 1804

I am very sorry my dearest Rebecca
for the disappointment you all experience in not seeing
us this week, I was in hopes that you would be spared these
disagreeable feelings and the time was never mentioned by any
of us of our leaving this place Brother finds it very difficult
to get away and you may suppose that he has many many
~~things~~ ^{things} to settle ere he can leave the place that has been
~~his~~ ^{his} home for so many years. However the next week promising
us the happiness of embracing you and I pray nothing will
put it off longer the weather is against us to day as this was
the one fixed on for our leaving the house to have things
prepared for the sale which was and I hope will be on Friday
we go to General Ridgely's house as the family have left ^{VI} ~~VI~~
for the reason write we set out for P which will not
before Tuesday or Wednesday however I shall write again
on Monday and tell you all a bout it —

I ^{day} ~~just~~ received Dear Joseph's valued letter
with the invaluable present of Mrs Edward & Malbourn

I cannot express how much I thank him for the blessing he has
procured to me it is a strong proof of his wisdom of mind and goodness
of heart; he must have felt the power of Friendship warm
in his soul or he would not have thought of the exquisite delight &
cherished in so great a treasure the likeness is a admirable ~~and~~ executed in
the most delicate interesting style I ever saw I could not take my
eyes from the face for several hours they conveyed it to my heart
I gave me emotions I never felt before the tears fell on the
civility and endearment from the ~~tear~~ for really I was entranced
with delight and astonishment, you must tell him how much
I feel obliged to him; tell him in your own beautiful language
my beloved Harriet is better preserved than any I ever saw and the
whole face is inimitably ~~perfect~~ I cannot see a fault in it; I have
been on the search for a setting for it but could not find
any; but Mr Baugh is making one as I heard it would
be injured in travelling I have been to see it this morning and
he has promised me to have it done on Friday I shall go to see
it every day and know him about it. what do you think of it?
tell my dear Joseph I thank him too for the speed in ~~providing~~ it
and ~~in~~ ~~providing~~ him for his handsome letter and with answer it
verbally went week to my poor beloved Parents to say all
affection can dictate to my dear father and Richard give my love
to the prince I just received her letter and will answer it, soon

This morning give my love to all you know I wish have you
 heard from N by this week, write my Dear Girl to me on
 Friday, but we shall leave this on Tuesday - God forever bless
 you my best love in the
 every good in this life
 accept the fervent
 affection of your sister and
 friend Rachel

P.S.
 Fanny sends her best love from
 her Dear Family all here are well and

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 May 28, 1844