

Where shall we look for public and private bustle—
 Your Secretaries have resigned, because they could not "love
 one another." What a festivity—and what an acting—
 Miss Gratey too, for be it from me to say in indis-
cretion of the Worthies at W.—tho' indeed it is a sus-
 picious case—throws up her Commission without
 making as in the other cases a fair trial of her
 Colleagues—After reading my explanations, I sincerely
 hope you will copy the answers ^{to myself} I shall subjoin, as
 is now the fashion at head quarters. In the first
 place, your name on the present Committee, does
 not involve you or either of the other ladies in the
 active business of the "Ladies Branch"—When the
 plan now proposing is submitted to the female friends
 of this noble effort to better the condition of the poor
 by destroying pauperism—we that is you, and I
 and two or three more, as the song says, retire to
 the shades of domestic life—there enjoying that
 "Otium cum dignitate" which is so greatly feared
 by the Patriots of 1831—In the second place Miss
 Gratey your reputation is at stake—your name has
 already appeared upon this, at some future Day celebrated

list of female worthies - the "plan" now preparing, with
as much deliberation and solemnity, and why, for you
can tell if you choose, should I not add with as much
talent as the once celebrated ~~after our~~ Declara-
tion of Independence - will be considered as much your
act and deed as mine - It therefore behoves you to meet
said Committee next Friday morning at eleven o'clock
at Mrs. Steenes 20 North St - Then and there to approve
or reject, or improve the plan then to be presented
for our animated versions - Perhaps our honors may not
be shown until we have had another private meeting
and unless you are anti presonee I shall certainly expect
to meet you. I am very serious we can not and will
not substitute any other name for that of Chip Gratey

Answer to the above to be copied by Chip Gratey
signed and sealed and sent to Mrs. Echard
108 Pine St -

My dear Madam, I am so convinced of the propri-
ety of continuing one of the Committee appointed
to draw up a plan for S S S - that I cheerfully

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Chip Grater
Chestnut St