

Phil^a August 24.th

you are all so good to me
Dearest Anna that when
I sit down to write, / my
thoughts being ever among you
I scarcely know who to address.
but your sweet face, for
which I have especially to
thank you for, and which I
could embrace, it is so like
you, has turned the scale this
morning. Tho' your dear Mother's
letter lies before me, in a day
or two I will tell her of the
comfort it gave me. In the
mean time will go to see Mrs
Kistner, whose untoward
fate concerns me very much -
I have always thought it
unwise - and scarcely knew.

to those intended to be served,
that Parents should dispose
themselves of their estates in
favor of their descendants.
it throws great responsibility
on young shoulders - and as
in the present instance is
removed to other interests than
that to whom the gift was
intended, Shakespear's King
Lear should have admonished
Mr. Vestue. tho' I do not excuse
Rosa of the ingratitude to which
the King was sacrificed.

My dear Anna, notwithstanding
your Mother's cheerful letter
I am in deep concern about
Kentucky. Those humble creatures
are not like open enemies
where our brave soldiers can
be met in equal fight. This

too bad, that her own re-
-al sons should be armed
against her. May God turn
their evil deeds against them
and prosper the right.

I was glad to hear Genl. Wright
had arrived, it is said he thinks
of making Lexington his head-
-quarters. Lizzie Lee says he
is one of the finest characters
in the Army. I hope he will preserve
himself such, and win new
honors by success.

The Effings are all much gratified
by your commendations of Charlie's
military spirit. He has obtained
his quota of recruits which confers
on him appointment of 2nd Lieut.
in Genl. Pritchard's regiment. & his
mother has become reconciled.
The only griefed to part with
him. His Father continues sound
and inviolate. I am glad you are

ready to resume your studies
after a pleasant vacation. It is
the happy privilege of youth,
to enjoy every thing in nature
and all that circumstances
around them will allow. May
you long, darling, possess the
power to extract the good
and hope for ^{the} best, even amid
the clouds that envelop us -

We are all quite well - have
heard that I and her family
have arrived safe at home.

I was desperately disappointed
at the shortness of her visit here.

She was afraid of hot weather,
but the season changed, and
now it is pleasantly cool. Is

My man & Laura still with you?
Give them & Bernard my love.

and also to your dear parents
& sister, from my dear Anna
your affectionate and RB
Anna sends his dutiful respects.



Miss Anna Gratz

Lexington
Kentucky

