

Baltimore. Nov^r 23^d - 1842

Careless of the gratitude we owe my dear girls, think it but civil to return them a line full of thanks, for their unlimited kindness, and affectionate attention, during our late, and even to be remembered visit at their hospitable mansion - and to tell you of our safe arrival here, last night good luck, well as possible, after a long day's jolting over the rough, and tedious roads that divide us. -

We had not journey'd far, when our Companion de voyage, in whom we knew a very sensible, and agreeable man, proposed opening the bread-bag as he called it, which you were so good in providing for us, and which said bread-bag, we found a very comfortable thing - our stock, held out, until we reached home, and then served as a treat for the dear children who were sitting up to receive us - met all well, and after saying how dy doo, and taking a warm cup of Chocolate, which our good old Mamma had provided, as a stimula, that I might be better able to tell my story. The remainder of the eve, was spent as you may suppose, in talking of those, I had just left at Phil^a which place I always speak of as home, and shall never think of, but with emotions of pleasure, - I think the old Lady & Gentleman, appeared chagrined, and almost seem to think, we were not glad enough to return. - but say by way of retaliation, that this turn, comes next, and then well see who will be soonest tired. They, of being with you, or we of being without them. But if so, shall have to send you

such a letter, as you received from Pa, the contents of which
I have since heard. though you were too polite to show me - and
must confess it was rather presumptuous - when does Ben, think
of seeing us, tell him I have a room waiting for him - find after
such a siege dissipation - its difficult to get in to my studious habits
again - such as arising early as Fanny says, tell Sarah her mother is
very much chopped, and nothing but the essence of Turlops will cure
her - to the dear Invalids my sincerest love and wishes for their
recovery. also much love to every member of every family you
have any thing to do with - and to your dear selves, all that you
know I have for you - must leave you as this late, and
a longer time, will write you a longer letter - My dear Mother
will add a line to you - heaven bless my dear girls prayers
their attached Father E.

I have just time allowed me to offer my best
Love and thanks to my dear girls, for their kind attention
to my two Rambles, they join me in kind wishes to all
the family, and say they will ever, with affection, remem-
ber, their Phila & home, tell my dear Jack and Ben
that I wish much to see them, and shall wait with
impatience for their expected visit, all my dear girls
and boys join their Love to you both, so does my dear
old man, God bless my absent Daughters bring
yours with affection, Rachel & they

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