

Baltimore February 15<sup>th</sup>

My dearest Becky's affectionate letter was handed me on Saturday morn. by which was informed of the continued indisposition of my dear Sally, and I have been very anxious since then, to know <sup>how</sup> she is, my thoughts are ever with you, and my nightly dreams are also entirely occupied by with your persons and society, do let me beg my dear girl you will relieve me by a line as soon as you receive this and pray the Allmighty has us this, comforted my dear Sally, at least as much as the short period which has elapsed since you wrote could have effected, my thanks are due you my best of girls for your good wishes for my returning health, I cannot say I am much better, as all the horrid symptoms of a nervous complaint still continue to distress, I this morn rose very unwell indeed. But the weather being pleasant, induced me to walk, since which I feel much relieved, I follow your advice as well as that of my Physicians, and walk out every fine day it does kill my disagreeable sensations for the present but almost despair of its ever making a cure -

my dear Sally joins me in gratitude to you for your kind attention, in forwarding us such an admired saddle of mutton, we had several friends to dine with us on that day to partake of it, amongst them several gentlemen, who all with much pleasure drank the health of my dear absent Daughter

my good Becky joins her love and best wishes to your health



how often do I wish to be with you all, and please myself  
with the idea of what I would do, was I with you, But that alas  
is all I dare flatter myself <sup>with</sup>, but shall look forward to the approaching  
Season, when we are again settled at our peaceful abode at  
Oakland to receive my dear long absent Children to my Arms  
I know it will be of infinite service to you both, and shall  
take no denial, if please God, all are well, it will add much  
to my happiness, and give much pleasure to all under our roof  
my dear Children all well, my Ellen well over the measles and  
name of the others have taken it as yet. they all join with one  
voice in begging their love to their dear Cousins - please  
present my best affections to all my dear family pray  
health may attend them all - spare my dearest Sally  
of my prayers for her health, I shall not have rest until  
I hear from her and you, God Bless you my dearest Girl  
may happiness be yours, is the sincere wish of one  
who loves you, your affectionately  
Rachel Elling

I am happy to find you here, to subscribe a few  
words to my much loved girl, and to welcome the return  
of my dear R. since which I believe I have not sent a  
line to your parts. if so! and I say that my silence  
has not proceeded from ceremony, or neglect. for you



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Feb. 16<sup>th</sup> 1813

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Miss Rebecca Gratz

Philadelphia

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