Oakland. June 22d

My dear Becky's Letter, I have to acknowledge, with thanks, and to assure you have much heart felt satisfaction it afforded me, to be convinced of the affection, of those we love and Esteem, have truly gratifying, and hope my dear Girl, will continue to favour me, with her pleasing Converse, altho my feeble pen can but poorly repay you, but to a heart, such, as yours happens, am convinced that Sincerity, will atone for the want of other embellishments, — your Letter was to have been handed by your friend Mrs Meredith, I was much disappointed, when I heard in the Country, her merits, has often been made known to me and I should have enjoyed much pleasure in her Company, and my endeavours should not have been wanting, to entertain the friend of my Becky, and as you say she is averse to Company, such would ever be the most pleasing and desirable Companion to me, and should have taken great pleasure in [illegible] bidding her welcome

I hope ere this our dear Fanny is again enjoying
health encompassing with my good Brother
Reuben, present me with affection to them Both,
make my tender love acceptable to my esteemed
uncle, tell him, I do not dispair, of once more
embracing him, and straining to my heart, the
last remaining near Connexion of my, much
lamented and dear parents,, to all your sister
and Brother say, I love them, — my best of
Husbands is now in town, he begs his regards to
you all, is much gratified on hearing from you,
my Daughter join in love to you, Riche with affection
recollects you, Fanny says she can enjoy a romp
as well as when she last seen you, and hopes
to have the pleasure of convincing, by enjoying one with you,
to particularise all my Chickens would fill a
a quire, they often talk of you, and hope some time
ere long to be introduced to, the One given as
a pattern of every good when of their ages.
god Bless you my dear may health attend you all
with every other wish of your heart, prays your
unfeigned friend and Cousin
Rachel Etting

Miss Rebekah Gratz

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