

Oakland August 4th

To the well known good rep. of my
dear Becky, do I appeal for forgiveness, your
tender Epistle should not have so long remained
without a reply, but in the absence of my better
half, with so numerous a family, that they occupy
the most of my time, so that I have seldom
an hour to call my own, but as some of them
pass the day in town, leaves me the wished for
Opportunity, to converse with my much loved
your letter was handed me by Mr. Myers, with
his dear children, your remarks, on them are
just, the engaging Gerty has by his good nature
and seeming fondness for us all, quite won us all
over in his favour, the attachment & liking has
for his father and nurse, will not suffer, in
to attend him as much as we all wish, at times
he appears fond of me, and always calls me by the
tender name of Mother, the dear Gerty I
dear, and Rich she takes the pleasing task
of lulling him to rest, she is the only one he wish
es to sooth him in that way, she is all attention

to him, good girl, I wish she was with you, the Society
of my dear Becky is one of the foremost wishes of my
heart, as your example and converse is such, I ever
wish them to copy after, my Daughters will be proud
of such a preceptor, I was for several Days very
wretched, on being told, the Fever had again commenced
its cruel havoc, in your City, but by a letter from
our good Mother, am quite relieved, the Idea of my best
of husbands being to pass thro', and my having dear
relations there, made me miserable indeed but
thank God, you are safe, under his kind protection
may you long remain - I imagine when this reaches
you Mr Elting will be with you, on his return, so
dear girl assist him, in purchasing a house, your taste
combined with his will, I am certain, procure me
a comfortable dwelling, once more to be settled in
the Society of my Esteemed family and friends is my
the Ardent wish, there to welcome them, to my heart
and home, would afford unutterable Delight, a heart
such as your paper, can judge what, would be my
feelings, on the Occasion - repeat my tender regards
to my revered Uncle with every branch of the dear
family assure them all of my unfeigned affection
tell my Richd, I rejoice with her, on the birth
of her Son, and feel much gratified, on her colling

R. Etting

Aug. 4th 1809.

Miss Becky Gratz

Philadelphia