

Baltimore April 28

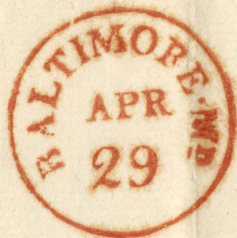
Believe me my dearest Becky I can
scarcely bring myself to ~~think~~, that I am again
to embrace my dearest relatives, after so long
absence, and the often intended, yet could
never be realized, pray to Heaven naught may
occur, to deprive me, of this much wished for
reunion, as I most ardently long to be surroun-
ded by all my much loved connections and
children, as I often stile you all, I shall with
much pleasure accept your cordial invitation
and had I not received it, was determined
to have thrown my self on your mercy, and
claimed my old place of abode, as am sure
it is of all others the most of home to me,
we will recount the anecdotes of our youths
and, endeavour to escape from the pure and
now, fainted, pattern, that has hitherto been
our guide, and endeavour, to imitate her
many virtues & assure my dearest uncle of my
affection, and my wish to see him, tell
my dear Sally I shall strain her to my heart

with thanks for her kind wish, to all the rest
of the family say all that affection can dictate,
I expect, please God to sit of either Tuesday or Wed-
nesday, and hope to be with you by the last of
the week, the girls join in Love to you and beg
you will take good care of their ~~old~~ mother,
God bless my dear Girl may health attend you

Truly affectionate
Cousin and friend

Rachel Estlin

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