

Oakland July 2nd

I, long ere this should have acknow-
ledged the receipt of my dearest Girl's Letters, but
knowing the dreadful state of anxiety in which you
all have been in, for some time past, and my not
knowing any thing, that could in any way tend
to relieve, has kept me silent, but thanks, to
that All Merciful Power above, that little Dear
Cherub has recovered, and long may she remain,
to comfort the days of her doating parents, and
hope ere this my dear Fanny has regained her
health, — how to describe my feeling to my Becky
on the receipt of her tender Letter, is impossible
uptate with affection, and every sentiment that
could, be dictated by sincerity, flowed in my line,
how grateful to my heart, that is overflowing
with the most unbounded love and affection
for you all, and believe me my Dear when I
tell you that the short time, that has elapsed
since we parted, seems to me almost, as long
as the painful lengthy absence which I had
experienced ere we last met, and pray that
nothing may occur, to ~~prevent~~ of meeting again
in long, as in that I ~~is~~ one of my

quietest Bleepings, that of being, seated in the bosom
of my family, and could I flatter myself with a
visit from you, and all of you, if not at the
same time, at different seasons, whenever you
could make it convenient to leave home, how
much heartfelt pleasure it would afford me, when
my endeavours should not be wanting, to make my
~~self~~ friends comfortable, and happy, at least, as much
so as a sincere welcome, and true friendship
can add to it, & to my second uncle, say all that
affection can dictate, assure him of my ardent wish,
again to visit him, and hope health may be
his constant attendant, I wish I had something
new to tell you, but all remain in the Old way
here, sweet Oakland has its every charm for me,
as usual, and I seldom leave its peaceful shades,
to harlequin of the Bustle of the Town I have been
But once there, since we moved the family out, and
feel little inclination, to pay it a visit, we have
had many visitors since here, and yesterday had
some of my neighbours to make tea with me, and
tomorrow expect Mr. and Betsy Mickle to pass
the day with us. I hope time away my

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