

Oakland

I received the pleasing assurance of
your health, the not from the hand of my much
loved Becky, nor my dear girl, deprived ^{me} of the satisfaction
I so much enjoy in perusing your friendly letters,
it is the only means we have, to atone for the
pain of our separation, which I shall ever regret,
and whilst enjoying the sweets of this retreat
how often do I wish for the society of my dear
relatives, to share the pleasures that surround us,
free from the bustle of the Town, and the many, very
disagreeable occurrences, that during the present
state of affairs, now take place in our City —

we are still favoured with the company of
our friend Schyres, who is the most amiable young
companion, and friendly soul, I have met with,
for some time, he is a most agreeable acquisition
indeed to us, and has become quite one of the
family, as we now cease to think him a visitor,
he was much gratified with your kind remembrance
of him, in your last letter, and begs your acceptance
of his best regards, both the young gentlemen
have rode to Town this morn with Mr Etting
as our friend Jos has lodged here this two nights

and is to return this eve if he does not leave Town in the
morning, to him I refer you for particulars. he can
give you an account of the rural life we lead here,
by him I send you, and my dear Sally, each a little
Medicine which heg you will accept, and hope you
like them, my Richd is now looking over
my shoulder and begs me to offer her affectionate
Salutations to you and Sally, wishes much to welcome
you both here, and often asks me, if I think you
will ever visit us in Baltimore, and Fanny says
she is quite a stranger, as her stay in your City was so
short, she had not time obtained her to form an intimacy
which she is certain she should derive so much pleasure
from, she begs her love to you both, and dear Betty ever
speaks of you all, with unbounded love and affection,

so my loved Becky, say all that tenderness and
love can dictate, to all the Family for me, and be
assured of the unattainable regard, and affections
of your friend and cousin,

Rachel Estlin

my loved Norland, best respects attend you, when
he is at home, know he would add a line to his
friend

Receiving

July 1st - 1842

Mrs. S. E. Eddy

Miss Becky Gratz

M^r Mapes

Philadelphia