

Oakland September 20th

The repeated, tender, enquiries of my much
Loved Becky, demanded a much earlier reply, but
my being a good deal indisposed and the holy days
interfering has caused my silence, I am thank
God better, than I have been, but still, far from
enjoying my usual share of health, but hope with
the blessing, of our all merciful protector, to be
reinvigorated, as the season is advancing, when I can
take more exercise than in the heat of the summer
as I suffer so much from the warm weather, that it
ly deprives me of any excursion that I could make
at any other time, you last, informed me of the
safety of our Dear Richa, congratulate her for me,
with my tenderest affection, she has my best wishes
for her speedy recovery, and that the stronger may add
many blessings to ~~her~~ ^{their} dear parent, and her darling
Florence,

My Dear Children all surrounding me
I may not omit offering this best Love and thanks
to their dear parents for their attentions, to them and
say with how heartfelt a satisfaction they will
wear the pledge of regard, you so kindly presented,
and our good Becky James with tears received her
pennance, says she shall with much pleasure
wear the present of her dear absent children —

my Dear Richard and Barry are well and offer their most
friendly regards to you Bath, and after talk of the pleasure
they expect in the society of their much loved relatives
and suppose when we make a move to Town they will
begin their preparations, when, please God we are all blessed
with health, I shall not deprive them, of so great a pleasure,
and could I flatter myself with seeing you, when they
return home, great a happiness should I have in anticipating

my dear husband offers his best wishes is
now on a visit to Mr Buchanan, — remember me
with tender love to all the family, assure them
of my prayers for their health, and happiness — would
I had something new to tell you, but we are for a while
just now, very dull, assure my dearest Betsy may
you be written in the Book of Life, and with
health enjoy the approaching festival pray your
tenderly attached friend and cousin Rachel Estlin

let me beg you will write soon, and after,

12th

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