

Lamberton May 15th

Sam tells me you have not forgotten our contract about
writing - I thank you for the remembrance - but see no reason
why you should not have told me so yourself - I do not re-
collect its being part of the condition that I was to begin - but
since it has pleased you to have it so - why you must take
what comes uppermost - my principal inducement in
making the promise was the pleasure of hearing from you -
and I am not content willingly to relinquish so high a
gratification - Had any thing occurred worth relating, I
should not have deferred until this period my claim upon
you - the most important circumstance is Sam's visit,
particularly as he brought with him Mr. Richard Rush -
he is a well bred young man and never says any thing
that ought not to be said - consequently we have supped,
breakfasted, and dined on proper sayings and polite sayings -
besides a beam is almost the only pretty thing in which this
place does not abound - I could romance it on the banks
of the Delaware from morning till night - and night till
morning, provided it were moon light - but alas! there
are no hopes of meeting with a Caydon there - as therefore
I am obliged to wander alone, do take pity on my solitary
condition - and join me - a visit from you would highly gra-
tify both sister and myself - I will then give some beautiful
sherry - and, as we can procure no better fare, we will feast upon
that - but I will do all in my power to gratify you in that
respect also - I have written thus far in the midst of criticisms,
puns, and conundrums - and been obliged to listen, and laugh
with the company - take this into consideration - and make
allowances for the heterogeneous matter this may contain - I
pleaded with Sam that he should suffer me to defer writing until
I could attend to you alone - but no - you had told him my
promise - and I must do it - not I could - you had is a
law with him - remember me most affectionately to the
girls - to your mother and ~~your~~ - in whose good fortune

I most sincerely rejoice - I shall certainly expect to hear
from you very soon - my next will I hope be better worth
your attention -

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