

Lamberton July 8th

To not measure my anxiety to hear from you by the length of time which elapses ere I reply to your most welcome epistles - I am now devoting to you the first evening I could call my own since I rec'd your last letter - The intermediate time has been spent with company at home and visiting abroad - what I call abroad, is my friends who reside at the distance of four and five miles from this place - and indeed so much has my time been divided, and sub-divided amongst them, that I have been like a lord of passage ever since I left Philad^a I am fatigued with such a desultory life - and tell sister that this week at least, shall be devoted to Lamberton - I have accordingly sent her off this afternoon to pay off some old score visits, and am now realising what I have all day anticipated, the pleasure of writing to you - as we are both in similar situations we must excuse in each other the strictest attention to punctuality - your friends will I know be selfish - and leave you little time unemployed - therefore shall I more highly esteem the few minutes you are permitted to devote to me - The whole of your letter is so interesting that I am at a loss which part to reply to first - but I may surely be justified in expressing my curiosity to learn the result of your meditated attack on what you call my property - His promise to surrender at discretion was a very thoughtful one - for discretion in

To your sister and the girls remember me - of the former I am happy to hear such agreeable tidings -

such cases are generally out of the question — I shall
have need of all mine to conceal my chagrin at such a
loss — You accuse me unjustly in supposing I have cau-
tion'd Mr. Hulse against visiting you too often — His own
prudence has warned him of the danger of indulgence,
and bid him beware! — He knows well the value of your
society — but he knows also the danger of enjoying it — You
will observe I am endeavoring to repay a little of your
civility to me — I am always conscientious about being in
debt — I shall not be content to rest my expectation of
another letter from you on Mr. H's projected visit to Lambeth.
I have no faith in the scheme — and therefore desire you may
not be decaying into a belief of it —

I am extolled in high terms the hospitality and attention
he meets with in Baltimore — and sure I am it must
be something uncommonly agreeable that detains him so
long in any one place that is not Philada — he is so im-
mersed that I hope he may not have lost himself — for it
is some days since I heard from him — and more since
I have enquired what has become of him —

I am pleased to hear that you can number amongst
your acquaintances one pair who have so far discovered
the straight road to happiness as to be entitled to a residence
in the Temple of the "Garden of Redoubt" — I look upon
such a thing as next to a miracle — and shall be happy
to meet with them in Genton — as well for any one sake as
yours — and if ever we, you and I, I mean, should ~~enter~~
be tempted to try the same road, I hope we may find the
termination as agreeable — and recognise there also, your
fascinate, with many other of our acquaintances — for a
road so beaten does it not excite your wonder that so

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