

Baltimore June 24th 1808

My dear Peggy

I am so glad to hear from you again that I agree to your own terms and without examining the merit of your long silence, most freely assure you the apologies you apologize for not making are favorably received and that I hope in future there will be no occasion for the exercise of a virtue whose best praise is but praise. It is however ~~not~~ proper to say that you may be disappointed in other expectations. You require entertainment. And I feel so conscious of my inability to afford you any that I fear yet to consider one correspondence established - in Baltimore there is plenty of amusement, but whether out of Baltimore it would be amusement or not, I have my doubts. every body here is attentive kind and hospitable. but I have not met with much good society. My sister's family are agreeable. one of the Miss Ettings is a remarkable fine woman. and all the five sisters agreeable & amiable. Some other of my old friends I have again become intimate with and resumed my former partiality for. so that my time must hap to my satisfaction, altho' I fear you cannot benefit much from it.

The theatre was open every evening for a fortnight after my arrival and I there had an opportunity of seeing all the belles and because they assembled very brilliantly dressed almost every night, and appeared to enjoy themselves for the stage is not much attended to here - nor indeed was it much worth attending to for they gave us poor

play, & those badly performed - Your Great favorite Mr. House called to see me this morning with Cliff Thomas. and for the want of better information I gave him the message you sent to - I don't know who with so many charges - I really believe you, or some of your agents have cautioned him against me - for unless to accompany some lady. he has paid me but one visit since I came to Baltimore - now I thought you more charitable. and more politic. for had you done me the favor, to provide me such a beam my gratitude would prompt me constantly to keep you in mind. and the mere mention of your name - would be a safeguard against any intruders into the heart of your House - We are going to ~~make~~ ^{make} ~~him~~ ^{him} attack at the fort and he says he shall surrender at discretion. so expect to hear of our conquest in my heart - he has given me three weeks notice of an intended visit to Lamberston. so I pray you. enable me to grant him the happiness of presenting a letter to you.

Your Brother was here this morning. and mentioned that he had a letter from you, and that your Sister had returned home - he so good as to give my love to her and also to Uncle and Mrs. Ewing. you must be very happy in the society of so many of your friends. Since my separation from the Quakers - the thoughts of a family party is more dear to me than ever. Sister Etting has been in bed three days with a mother boy. we were a little disappointed. but very happy now in the prospect of her recovery. in a few weeks we move to the Cottage - my mother will return to Philadelphia. she bids me present her love to you and Mrs. Hall -

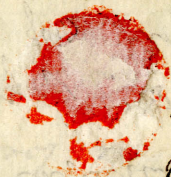
I was interrupted Friday afternoon. and obliged to leave my letter unfinished and now at half past Eleven Sunday night. the very first hour that I could disengage myself from the duties of the day and the drowsiness of the

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Rebecca Gratz
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