

**Frances Gratz Etting to Rebecca Gratz**

**August 16, 1802**

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tis some time since I receivd my dear beloved [Beckys] letter \_ frequently have I wishd to write and yet have sufferd such a period to elapse \_ let not my thanks be less acceptable they are offerd with ardour and affection of which my soul most abundantly feels for you and for the fund of entertainment your [valued] epistals offer [receive] my most greatful acknowledgments

I am extreemly happy at the favourable accounts [recivd?] from [P]hila. although my belovd family are removd from the place of contagion yet I feel real anxiety \_ our dear worthy Brother occasionally visiting the city keeps me wreached, the Banks I [...] hear declind moving, I have been watchfull and sollicitus for [their] det[er]mination in hopes they would be propitious to my wishes \_ Baltim is sayd to be unusually healthy, some solitary cases of the yellow fever have occurd \_ it occationd alarm, but tis now entirely subsided  
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I congratulate my dear sister on the marriage of your friend [which] the paper on fryday [announcd] \_ I hope she may be happy \_ and [...] fortunate in the state she has interd \_ I have not recvd a letter from you since you have [become] an inhabitant of Landsdown but [...] my sister, from your natural amiability of disposition are always happy, and content the [intreat] [of] your [Bosom] \_ you are I hope Blessd at seeeing all around you enjoy perfect health, the happiness I pay my dear family, all possess, our dear mother although not partial to the country is charmd with its rural scenes, if for a moment she felt pleasd with the cottage she must now enjoy delight at Landsdown; may that with evry happy sensation always enhabit her amiable Bosom \_ my dear father I flatter my self [receivs] advantage from the purity of the air and change of scene [...] to my belovd parents my most affectionate duty to my [dearest] Mother I will [visit?] soon \_ I hope my [dearest] Bcky you have entirely [...] your indisposition which occationd me great anxiety \_ my [Children] all enjoy health they have each had severe attacks \_ you need not regret not seeing Miss Martin or Mrs. Morgan. the former although a sensible [lively] girl is one you [would] not admire or esteem and the conduct of the latter has surprised her [acquaintances] she was [...] [engagd] to Mr. Mackneal and was to be [united]  
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immediately on his [arrival] he is now in Europe and she [moved] to [morgan?] after an [...] of a fortnight she Posseses his Miniture and [recvd] presents from [him], are of which I [cannot] [omit]

mit mentioning a Pocket Book with enclosed notes to the amount of [5] hundred dollars \_ she [lived] with Mrs. [McMacmahan?] since the dissolution of [Mrs.] [Plesants?] her situation was a [dependent one] perhaps that may [exasperate?]

her crime as [reconcile] her conduct \_ her friend Maria [in] vindication of her, say, that previous to her marriage [her] coquetting with so many gentlemen she was convinced Mackneal would not m[...] and then she would be left in the lurch \_ [she Mrs. Keen] [...] a boarding house, her father supplies her with funds, she appears happy and gay her Husband, has been a [persecuted] man I pity but cannot admire him; there is a degree of formality in his behaviour that is not consistent, [with?] a stranger \_ I suppose you [have heard] of the conduct of doctor Harris to [Keene] it occasioned great emotion, the [governor] [has] [prevented] its [trial] \_ the good effects of [marriage] \_ I have spun out this scroll to an intolerable [length] fearful of trying your [patience] but indeed I will not be offended if you do not read it all tell my dear sisters Richea Sally and Rachel I Love them daily and will write to them soon \_ [receive] the affectionate Love of my Etting and distribute to my Brothers, [...] hope they all enjoy health [adieu], dear  
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sister be assured you possess the [very] great affection of F. Etting

my Love to aunt Schyler

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