

Frances Gratz Etting to Rebecca Gratz

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pardon me my much Lovd Sister for suffering
such a period to elapse without acknowledging your very esteemd
[favour?] _ you are realy so generous so good and so very entertaining that
I always am offendd with my-self when ever I neglect or defer writing _ at
this season of the year my domestic concerns are much [augmented] _
and the consequence is generally a cold, which I have in so violent a degree,
[that] some days past that I can scarcely speak _
do not be uneasy my dear tis not attendd with a sore throat
merely a harshness [I do] not suffer with it although am much thinner than I
have been _ my dear sister Sally I hope [is?] entirely restord _ I felt
much disappointed at not receiving a letter yesterday. the affection
[...t?] goodness [and attention of] my dearst Sister has realy spoild me
[if ever] tuesday, [d...? closes] without my hearing I am always
[uneasy] and apprehensive, this day I hope will be more propitious
to my wishes _ I was highly gratified by a few lines
I read from aunt Schuyler which tends very much to [ininore] [end
of page]

my anxiety to see her _ she shortly intends a visit to Landsown when
I will write to her _ what an acquition to your enjoyment
will be her society fondly would I hope, to partake of your happiness
was it possible for me to leave home _ we shortly shall move to town the
coudness of the weather will soon render the cottage uncomfortable the
situation of Phila. will I hope permit your removal when ever inclination
will prompt _ I am happy indeed, to hear that my dear honord fathers
health and appite is improvd _ the salubrious air
of the country has I suppose been of advantage to all my belovd
family my dear adoard mother I pray is in full possession
of perfect health _ pleas tribute to her my most affectionate Love Sister

H. I suppose often visits you _ her family I pray are all
enjoy health _ you do not spend much of your time at Bloomfield
which [Richea] laments _ but you are not Long seperated and that is a consolation my
most affectionate Love to all my dear Sisters and tell
them I will write to them soon _ I am so poor a correspondent

that they need not regret my silence _ Saturday Last terminated
the life of Susannah Nilson _ her sister [Maccray?] is in great
distress _ she is [had just] receivd a violent indisposition was not
with susannah when she expird _ Mrs. [Maccray?] was [end of page]

removd to town by the [advice] of the Physican being too ill to
be with her sister _ she was perfectly resighnd and never so
cheerfull as [when] she was ill _ she haild her dissolution with joy
_ an uncommon [instance] in so youthfull a girl, one happy in
her remaining family with a fortune equal to her [...?] I hope she
has been judicious in the disposal of it [there] is Branches of her
family who do not want it and others it
would be most acceptable to _

you tell me to say something of
my darling daughter _ she begins to speak and plainly [articulates]
good papa will not you wish to s[...?]
[...] by [...] [the] most [f...?] [...] your coming to Baltimore the
winter season you are determind you will [never?] spend from
home the interim will be pleasant and would
make me happy my most dutious Love and [affection] to
my belovd parents _ and tell my dear Brothers
I hope {B-..} they are particularly carefull of their health
tender them a Large share of my Love _ accept of the Love of
my Etting and children they are all equally anxious
with me to see you _ my Etting says [the] encomiums passt on him
by you makes him vain _
kiss Jack & Ben for me,
[adieu] be assured I most
dearly Love you F Etting
[Joe] I suppose will accept Love only

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