

**Frances Gratz Etting to Rebecca Gratz,
Rachel Gratz Moses, and Sarah Gratz**

February 11, [1803]

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My dear Sisters Sally, Becky, and Rachel will
I hope indulge me with addressing them Jointly although
not [coinsident] to my wishes am obligd to repeat the request _ the
goodness and attention of my dear Sisters I sinsibly feall and experien[ce]
individually the Beautys of your minds, which I cannot sufficiently
admire nor do Justice to; am sorry you my dear girls have so dull a
correspondent in me but you who possess do much goodness I hope
will make allowances _ I am too domestic to be intelligent or [...]
facetious I wish you would come and see me and I will endeavour to
be clever _as [Mr Spear] says, (Rachel) I am only clever in my own
home _ uncles illness I imagine prevented you attending to your
dancing no doubt you [...?] pleasure from the immusement
I heard Sally Etting say she was much offendd with my [Sister]
Sally as she feals her self much neglected by her from my dr.
Becky I saw a letter to [...?] the other day which alleviated
my anxious mind _ my Rachel I believe does not neglect
her Baltimore friends you would be amaisd my dear at the
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improvement of our city and when you again visit us I hope you
will be happier _ is Mr. [Hanes?] yet irrivd his wife is much
to be pittyd poor woman in her husbands absence she must be
truely wretched _ I wish my dear girls you would let me know
as soon as possible how our dear Richeas child is I am very
anxious about it, I wish my Sisters you could see my sweet
gratz and isabella _ the Bearer of this which is Naph
Phillips can tell you of the goodness of the latter but
was he to assert it you would suppose it m...d ...
she goes out very often and is much admired [wares?] a little
pink sattin Bonnet which she looks sweet in Mr Etting
thinks her the image of my sister Rachel _ though I must
confess I cannot trace a likeness Sally [Docherty?] wishes me
to say a great deal for her therfore do accept her Love
my dear Blessd Reuben gives a great deal of Love to you all
do my dear Sister write to me soon let me know any
thing and every thing [...?] to the family as that
is all I [care] for tell me they are well and I am
Blessd kiss my sweet little Brothers for me I send
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them I am ginger Bread by Naphtalie _ Rachel I
cannot tell you how much improved and how good a
servant I have in Betty cooking Bastry cake and what
is Better than Bread you formally so much admird at
Mrs. Ettings she is a professed hand at _ am delighted
to hear mary is so well situated in servants [.hi..]
she assures me she is our last purchase of a little
girl I am in hope will turn out well
god Bless you my dear [Sisters]
may you be as happy as you deserve to
be in the prayers of your affectionate
Sister Frances Etting

please give a [great deal?] to uncle from my Reuben
and self

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