

Kitty Etting to Rebecca Gratz

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do not my dr. Becky attribute my long silence
either to neglect or want of Friendship after a months
absence from my friends it seem'd almost impossible
for me to seat myself to write or do any thing
as there was always some one or other dropping in to
see me, such a journey as we had is too much for
my discriptive powers to do justice to the first day
we did tolerable we got as far as christene and there
had a Comfortable nights lodging, next morn we
proceeded on but every mile or two our Horses gave
out & not all the whipping spurring or Kicking of
the driver, nor even all the Eloquence of the inside
passengers cou'd move them one step untill they chose
to go, a few miles on this side of Elk we were met
by Hyman who must be ranked worthiest of the worthys]
for had it not been for his Herculian strength we
might have been untill this day on the road he put
[NEED SCAN?]

his shoulders to the wheel and helped us out of all our dif-
-ficulties we found we cou'd not reach the Stage we meant
to put up at for the night unless we gave some relief to the
Horses so Hyman Kitty Henry & myself [got] out and walk'd
four miles & a half and left poor Richea to enjoy the ride
Solus they arrived a short time before us and had the Mail
stage posted off for us but we were close to the house when it
came up with us which was nine Oclock Imagine my situat-
-ion who have so many (womanish) fears excuse the expression
walking in the woods at the late Hour of the night, however
next day made up for all for between Once & two on [tuesday]
I had the pleasure of folding to my Heart my much lov'd
mother and family who were all well Fanny Taylor &
her Darling Children & Husband have spent two days with
us since my return Sally Etting & H. [Marks] are spending
the day with her, remember me Affectionately to Rachel
Uncle [Barnet] your Brothers Aunt Bell & family Mrs. Hays &
[Rhine,] & [Believe] me my sweet friend your Attentions to me whilst
at philadelphia shall always be held in gratefull remembrance

Adieu yours Affectionely Kitty Etting

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all friends here are well and desire their love to you all
I scolded Sally Gratz for not giving you an account
of how she liked Baltimore, do not forget to give
my love to all enquiring Acquaintances as if mention'd
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June [16]

I must say a few [...] words more you may thank H
Marks for not receiving this sooner as you may see when
[a] war began I often feel uneasy at what you wou'd think
Concerning my not writing you no Doubt consider'd
[...]ike] me like the common Herd we too often meet with
in life who forget [friends] & freindly Offices soon as
distance [seperates] them on not likely to meet soon
again but judge differently of me my [or] girl I have more
[Letters] to write & fear this will prove uninteligable
as I write in haste think me ever the same your
friend, Love to all with you, many & the girls
are all [out] on a Fishing Party, we all spent the
day with [Fanny] Taylor yesterday they are
all well, Love to Aunt Bell and the girls
remember me with Affection to Rachel my Letter can afford
her no ammusement [and] we'd write her yours K. Etting

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