

**Sarah (Sally) Myers Cohen to Rebecca Gratz**

**January 17, 1797**

Wednesday morning 17 \_  
January

Long ere' this wou'd I have answered  
my amiable Cousins agreeable epistle, had not indisposition pre-  
vented me, believe me my dear I have not had a pen in  
my hand before, for upwards of four weeks, or I certainly  
shou'd have endeavoured to have expressed my gratitude  
for your attention to me, during my dear mama's absence,  
words are too feeble to describe my sensations on recieving  
your two kind letters, for of all others that state of suspence  
is the most dreadful \_ almost all the dear children have been  
unwell But my dear mama enjoys her health, tho almost worn  
out with attending on us, Thanks to the Supreme Being we are  
all recovered, but sweet little Ely, who is still drooping \_ I hope  
my loved Aunt and Cousins are well, I have not seen  
Mr. Moses to enquire particularly about you all. Elkalah  
was delighted with your charming letter. she is continually  
talking of you, and dwells with rapture in your praise  
as does every person who has the pleasure of being ac-  
quainted with you, We have been much alarmed  
by the many attempts that have been made to set on fire  
the City, they have not succeeded in any yet, owing to the  
vigilance of the citizens who are indefatigable in their en-  
deavours to prevent any mischief, you also must have  
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had your fears, I hope they are now removed, my dear [m-]  
mama joins with me in love to all your dear family \_  
kiss sweet mr. Nudle for me, you are pretty girls to learn  
him such a speech, Jo repeats it quite fluently before  
every person who [visits] the house without discrimination,  
tho' I try to break him of it, \_ which I have almost done amiably, Thank my Cousin Sally for  
her letter, will answer it very soon \_ your lines of poetry  
my dear were elegant and expressive, I wish it was in  
my power to send you same in return, I am no favorite  
of the muses, Tho my abilities are not adequate to  
that task they are perfectly so to assure you I  
am with every sen[timent] of regard your  
affectionate Cousin and  
friend Sally Cohen

[Address:]

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Honor'd by  
Mr Phillips

[Rebecca noted on page 1 that she answered this letter on January 30, 1797.]

["Mrs. Frances Etting" appears in the margin on page 1.]