

Rebecca Gratz to Benjamin Gratz

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My Dear Ben

we had the pleasure to receive your letters Yesterday the one from Troy, for which I most heartily thank you, and that announcing you & our friends arrival in New York _ you have had a delightful time of it indeed and poor Myer is excessively mortified that he did not accompany you _ he is still here, tho' it has frequently been his intention to depart on the morrow _ His fathers arrival in Baltimore induced him to stay until he should learn his pleasure, and no letter arriving he waited for personal directions _ on reflecting how much more profitably he might have employed a fortnight with you in travelling he is quite discontented that it has been wasted in the city _ his cheerfulness greatly contributed to enliven the mansion after the gloomy week succeeding your departure, Mr. Myers talks of proceeding on, as soon as the holy days are over, so you will probably pass them on the road. we were in hopes he would have ordered this the place of meeting which I believe would be more agreeable to Mrs. M _ who is no great friend to travelling _ their little Georgiana has quite won our hearts _ she is one of the most interesting & intelligent little prattlers I ever saw _

As you are so well pleased with the Estate on the Lake I suppose we shall hear no more of settling in Northumberland, and may chance to hear of some day dreams of a speculating lawyer in another quarter _ a patroone of Otsego is a much better title _ than
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farmer of a wilderness and I do not know but your learned Yankees may be quite as profitable tenants _ as bears & buffallos which later will take much time & trouble to eject from their present residence in your pennsylvania principality _

I hope you have been to see My friends Maria & Eliza, and introduced Adeline to them _ pray remind them that I still inhabit the land of the living, tho' dead to all other pleasure than that of holding on to the affection of my friends _ tell Bella not to be alarmed at the size of my last sheet for that I have learned how to divide my paper, and shall more over procure some of moderate size before I write to her again _ tell her too to recommence her musical studies under a more able teacher than the Newark presbyterian singing master _ for that the harmony of her voice has been [abased] as well as the grace of her manners, I have lately heard a resemblance observed in both to a certain person, whom tho' she loves passing well she would gain nothing by imitating _ all our family & friends are well & send their love to you _ we shall hold you to your

promise of telling your travelling stories on your return _
do not fail to visit Passiack _

remember me affectionately to the Myers'
and believe me My Dear Ben truly Your sister

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Tell Ann Nicholas we are anxious to hear from her, hope her health
is better than when we parted

[Address:]

Mr. Benjamin Gratz
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