

**Rebecca Gratz to Benjamin Gratz**

**April 6, 1815**

My Dear Ben

you have had such delightful weather for your side, that even if you have not been fortunate enough to meet with other company I am sure you will not be so ungracious as to treat the stranger with a cloudy brow. the Ladies have turn'd out en masse to welcome the return of the Sun and bask all day in his beams \_ you are no doubt as much obliged to him for mending the roads as they are for an opportunity of shewing their new bonnets. and so in the woods or at Huntington you will have the pleasure of sharing your satisfaction with the Ladies of Philadelphia. Mrs. Tilghman says she is almost offended with you for leaving town without fulfilling your engagement with her, she gave a Ball enstead of a Tea party \_ the company was small, but quite large enough for her rooms \_ the decorations fanciful the hostess in high spirits and the evening warm. your friend Miller enquired if you had written from Lancaster, he concluded you had, and I hoped so \_ but your letter has not arrived \_ we are all going on much in the old way. little Gratz better, and the rest of the family well \_ we have a meeting at Rachels on Monday Evening \_ that is a family \_ card - party which did not break up until the watchman had twice warn'd us of approaching morning \_ after we are a little rested from this dissipation we shall collect them here \_ and I hope that will conclude the purim revels.

Rachel has had a long letter from Becky OBerne, very kind, and  
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affectionate \_ and communicative, she is she says very happy \_ very much a woman of fashion, very much changed in appearance, but not at all in feelings, she has two beautiful Boys living, and has buried two \_ she speaks highly of her husband, and says he is a favourite with his superior Officers \_ attributes her long silence to the difficulty of meeting safe opportunities, and in all respects gives so fair a reputation of her situation, that if this had been the first information recieved of her, we should suppose she had never suffered since she left here, any other sorrow than that occasion'd by separation from her family & friends \_ we were all delighted to hear from her, and her letter is so very characteristic, you could see her exactly what she was seven Years ago. Dr. Phillips was the bearer of their interesting dispatches \_ all her family had letters by the same conveyance \_

I hope you have written to say how travelling agrees with you \_ how your horse behaves \_ whether you have company \_ will complete your business & when be home \_ see how many subjects

of interest are before you to gratify us \_ I wish I could anticipate your anxiety about Office business here. Miller has time to frolic, so do not suppose he is much oppressed with the double burthen of his own any yours yet \_ what ever may be the case before your return \_ if you should determine to prosecute Mrs. Merediths claims to her place in the Bible Society I can give you some important information on the subject, and procure witnesses for you \_ Adieu My dear Brother, when you requested me to write, you knew you would have to pay postage [end of page]

for a page or two of nonsense \_ I shall make it as short as possible, and if you are in haste you will find when you get this far (as paddy says) that you need only read the last line to find everybody at home are well & send their love to you, which is all I have to say at present from your loving  
Sister RG\_

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[Note: This letter appears to have been returned to Philadelphia]