

Rebecca Gratz to Benjamin Gratz

October 17, 1825

We were much concerned My dear Brother to find your journey was delayed by the indisposition of our darling Gratz My thoughts have journeyed with you and been anxiously fixed on that dear child ever since your departure but I trust your predictions will be verified and that he has proceeded from Hagerstown better than he left Phila. My dear Sister too I have thought so much of on account of her encreased fatigue that I have scarcely enjoyed the gratitude I owe her for the happiness of this happy Summer. when I hear that you are all safe home and in possession of your usual comforts she may expect an overflow of those feelings _ which a [sense?] of her present toil keeps in check _ but you must tell her and your sweet boys that every body here loves them and talk of them daily _ Horace bewails his little companions and refers every thing to Aunt Maria. Julia & Charles Hoffman arrived on thursday. he immediately adopted Julia for a sweetheart _ and being asked what he would do with so many he said he would pack them all up & send them to Kentucky for Aunt Maria to chuse three of the best out for Gratz, Bernard & Howard _ indeed there are few hours pass with out some reference being made to the beloved travellers _ sun shine & clouds clear breezes or [dumps?]. all are noted and commented as they [end of page]

may affect you _ The family are all well except Mr. Hays who within some days has been indisposed yesterday he had some symptoms of intermittant but I hope it will soon go [...?]. Ellen has not been home since Friday _ our dear little nieces opposite are among your most ardent admirers their eyes sparkle with joy or moisten when ever they speak of you here _ or of the happiness we [miss] since you left us _ Becky wonders if a journey across the mountains would make her grow _ Julia Hoffman is as tall as I am and only of her age _ Horace bids me tell the boys when he gets big enough to ride he will come to Kentucky to see them _ tell the little darlings too that Aunt Becky has sent them little chairs to sit by the fire on when they get home _ and that she sends them a great many Kisses and says they must not forget her _ My dearest Ben accept and beg Maria & believe in the sincere & [devoted] affection of my heart _ and may the Almighty shower blessings upon you
both _ ever & for ever yours RGratz

Oct: 17th. 1825 _

Simon Gratz and Brothers to Benjamin Gratz

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Dear Ben

We regret the cause of your detention
at Hagerstown & hope Gratz is now perfectly restored
to health & you will have no further delay
on your journey which from appearances you
will have to take by land _ the Cash mail
brought a letter from Gratz & Bruce covering
[...?] in New York for \$ 4000 _ they mention
[ba...y?] at 24 cts Cash 25 cts in a [...?]
[...?] _ they sold some at 21 cts deliverd at
the factory _ all as you left us tender our
best love to Maria & Boys & pray you
may reach home safe

God Bless you all

Your Brother

Simon Gratz & Brother

If feathers can be purchased at
Wheeling at 26 or 27 buy 3 to 4000 E.
Bees Wax at 27 to 28 all you can get
If Forsyth can sell [...?] [...?] we will send 20 or 30 Chests
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Mess Forsyth Dobbin & Co

If Mr. Gratz has left Wheeling be pleased
to forward this to Lexington Kenty.

Simon Gratz & Brother

[Address:]

Benjamin Gratz Esqr.

~~[Care Mess Forsyth Dobbin & Co]~~

~~[Merchants]~~

~~[Wheeling Virga.]~~

Lexington, KY

[Endorsement:]

S. Gratz Ben

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