

**Rebecca Gratz to Benjamin Gratz**

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My Dear Brother

at six oclock this morning your  
beloved Maria and children with our Brother Jac com  
menced their homeward journey. I cannot tell you with  
what feelings I parted from them \_ God bless you, and  
them for the happiness you have afforded me in this  
visit. I love you all a thousand times more than ever  
and that seemed impossible before you came \_ but what  
is excellent in itself must be more valued the better it  
is known \_ and thus [My] dear Sister, every day became dearer  
to me \_ and Cary, sweet Cary became so intelligent, and  
intelligable, that he was quite a new character \_ it is by  
talking about them to you \_ and thinking how happy you  
are going to be in getting them home again. that reconciles  
me to my deprivation \_ they left here in perfect health.  
Maria has greatly improved \_ and the sweet children in  
fine spirits \_ [Ree...le] gave them a new Carriage, and  
Tomlinson provided a good driver & fine horses. they are  
to have fresh horses throughout the journey at the same  
places that the regular line changes, so that they will  
travel more agreeably and more rapidly \_ the weather is  
warm but bright & clear \_ and we heard yesterday that  
the river is in good order. so that I hope with the blessing  
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of providence they will speed on [prosperously] \_ to the  
happiness of being reunited to you. and their own dear  
home \_ the family here, are much as you left them \_ Gratz  
Etting had an enterval of three weeks of health \_ both bodily  
and mental \_ he was suddenly attached again \_ and is now  
recovering \_ Isabella is still suffering \_ all else are well \_ Maria  
got off to day, without the pain of leave taking \_ every body felt  
that it was kindness not to feel too much, and so the dear  
creatures were admiring the new carriage and four long tailed  
horses and they stepped in without bidding good bye. so  
you must tell the boys they all owe me a kiss \_

Adieu My dear Brother, accept the love of all our  
friends here and the most grateful affection of your unalter  
-ably attached Sister RGratz \_

[Address:]

To

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