

Rebecca Gratz to Benjamin Gratz

October 25, [1814]

My dear Ben

By the Bearer you will receive 4 Shirts
3 pair socks 2 silk & one madrass tick & 2 towels _
I wish you would always send us a list of the
clothes you send home _ to wash, _ as the articles are
never so many as go down _ and you no doubt lose them
by the carelessness or dishonesty of the porters _ and as
you wish them send regularly every week it may be
of consequence to be particular _ we are all well, Sally
I think rather better _ not sufficiently so to flatter us
of a speedy recovery _ but more comfortable to herself and
friends _ the Hays's are in New York, from whence their Bro
-ther has or is about to sail for France and the Girls will
be here on Wednesday. and I suppose will depart
with our friend Adeline on Sunday next _ I wish
you could manage to spend a few days at home
with them. Adeline [says] she hopes to see you again _ and
indeed we all are very anxious for that pleasure. You
must feel this cold weather very acutely. and notwith
-standing all your assurances to the contrary must suffer
from it _ I trust General Gaines will think proper to bring
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you all home ere long _ that Hutting business they talk
of will be very unpopular here _ poor Jo was ordered
down to Port Penn yesterday morning _ instead of going
as he design'd to Washington, so our family is reduced
to four again _ we expect the Hayses will stay with
us while in town, Adeline has fixed Abraham with Your
friend Thompson to board and he is to undergo an
examination of his studies to day preparatory to his
entering college. if he is not sufficiently advanced
they will place him in the grammar school of the
institution as he is dissatisfied at Grays _

Our Sisters & Brothers all send you their love
and beg you will take good care of your self _

Adieu My dear Brother
May good angels guard your tent, and
bring you refreshing slumbers, unheeded of the
chilling gales that shake your slender covering
You are always remembered in the prayers
of your affectionate RG_

Monday Oct: 25th.

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[Endorsement:]
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[Editors' Note: Our dating of the year is based on the creation of Camp DuPont in Delaware.]