

Rebecca Gratz to Maria Fenno Hoffman

February 22, 1813

Washington has no doubt told you, my dear Maria that Sally is recovering. or Sally Ogden who saw her on Friday can give you a more particular account of her than he. she has had no unfavourable symptoms since, and I now hope will have no further draw back _ your dear little George has I hope recovered as you do not mention him in your last I conclude your anxiety on that score has ceased. I hope you do not allow him to go to school except on sun shining days his education at this early period is of much less importance than the hazard is worth. nor is it paying you a compliment to say he may be better instructed at home. than with Mr. Stansbury for the present _ I shall rejoice to hear that your husband has return'd _ tho' by the papers I find there is not much dispatch used in the council _ and he will not be Recorder as soon as might been expected.

Our Troops are just forming their parade notwithstanding the rain and snow _ tell George _ Jo is [a] great soldier to day with a big sword & cap and I wish he was here to see him _ Mrs. Craige gives a grand Ball here for the Birth-Night _ this is the first time in my recollection that there has been no Public Ball for the Gentry of Phila. they have had no city assemblys either this winter, yet I am told the fashionables are very gay _

I beg you will feel no concern about my health, my dear Friend, I shall
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be both well & cheerful by & bye _ indeed I have nothing to complain of now _ I eat & sleep with a very good appetite _ and when the painful impression of my late cares wear away shall be my self again _ Rachel has not been with us since Wednesday she has a bad cold but is recovering her spirits _ the rest of the family well & all unite in affectionate love to you _ present mine to Dear Eliza & Ann & the girls and believe me ever my dearest Maria your faithful friend

RG _

Sally bids me present her best love to you, & thanks you for the Night cap pattern_

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