

Rebecca Gratz to George Edward Hoffman and Julia Hoffman

February 26, 1813

Friday Feby. 26th. 1813 _

My Dear little George & Julia
I send you the pretty story
of the Wolf King and little Red riding hood _ which you must
ask dear Mama to read for you, and when you learn it by
heart you must repeat it to aunt Eliza & Dear Father, and teach
it Matilda. and by & bye when it is pictured I will send you a
pretty book with pictures in it shewing all that the naughty Wolf
did to poor Grandmummie & little Red-riding-hood, and tell [pet?] she
shall have one too _ the pretty books George sent to my little boys
they keep for his-sake and Isaac Moses reads them to his sisters
Miriam & Becka, and they say they love dear George very much, and
will give him a house full of sugar [candy] [when] he comes to Phila.
you must kiss dear little Harriet Matilda for me _ and Dear
Mother too, and tell her my Sally is getting well, and plays battle
-dore every day. just like the little girls & boys in your book, because
the Doctor won't let her go to take a walk, but wishes her to take
exercise in the house _ you must take good care of Dear Mother
and tell her to write to me _ I send you some Phila. sugar candy
and if you like it, you must come here, and I will get some for
you every day. give some to Brother Charles, tell him I love him
very much _ God Bless you dear little George & Julia. and [do] not
forget your affectionate friend Rebecca Gratz _

[Address:]

To

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