

**Rebecca Gratz to Maria Fenno Hoffman**

**[June 14, 1813]**

It would be unjust, my dear Maria, to allow you to bear all the blame of this long suspension when the fault has been mutual. I shall therefore confess myself to have been equally remiss \_ and quite as severely punished. as the fault deserved \_ it is not becoming such old friends to be punctilious respecting the last letter, and among the privileges matrimony confers that of taking rank in all such cases is classed, therefore You are less to be censured for omission than I \_ tho I assure you the unsettled state of both, my internal & external establishment has prevented my doing any thing with my usual regularity. I hope we are now getting to rights again, we begin to feel at home in the new house \_ Sally & Rachel are better \_ and I trust we shall get along without any just cause of complaint \_

we have given over for the present our visit to Aunt Schuyler \_ which is a great disappointment to us, but might perhaps be attended with greater difficulties than we are authorized to hazard \_ Rachel is extremely averse to our leaving her in her present situation \_ and Sallys spirits are too much weak'n'd to bear such a shock as they would receive in seeing my Aunt in her changed state \_ I have therefore opposed the plan \_ tho' in doing so, feel it a great sacrifice \_ our duties sometimes seem to oppose each other \_ but in this instance I believe it right to give up a gratification that might be attended with evil consequences \_ I thank you, My dear friend for your kind invitation, your house ever appears like a home to me, and when ever I could make it so without inconvenience to you it would be my choice \_ but in the present size of your family \_ it would be unkind to burthen you, and if we had visited new-York, we should refuse to lodge there, tho' at all other seasons with you \_ you will miss our dear Eliza very much indeed, tho you cannot be much in want of society \_ with such a household  
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I hope Ann is cheerful, and disposed to give you her company she is a delightful companion, present my love to her \_

we have removed into a very good neighbourhood, which you know is a rare thing in Phila. and for persons so long habituated to retirement quite a new one. Mrs. Newbold is our next door neighbour \_ Mrs. Sam Rawle & Mrs. Chapman nearly opposite and our sisters Fanny & Rachel so near that no day passes without bringing us frequently together \_ every house in the [square] will bring more formal visitors the more so agreeable as those I have mention'd \_ It is probable we shall take a short ride in lieu of the journey to Troy \_ but when or where is uncertain \_ I wish you could meet us some-where in a healthful, pleasant country \_ either in Jersey or Penna. Say [Bethlehem] or Easton \_ or Schooly \_ and appoint the time in this month that will suit your Husbands \_ or your own convenience \_

You do not mention either of the Marys among the marrying Belles I hope they will be induced to follow Georges wise example \_ present

