

Frances Gratz Etting to Rebecca Gratz

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I am again happy my sister _ my daughter is recoverd, and my Etting returnd _ to alleviate the apprehension, my last letter occasiond is my anxious wish, and to have embraced an earlier [opportunity] it that was not in my power I can now my dear assure you we all enjoy the Blessing of health and pray heaven my belovd family posses [that] it, with every happiness _ the indisposition of my little darling though not severe has reduced her much, her spirits and appetite is now good and I pray she will soon [recover] her looks

I am delighted to hear our dear Richeas [C]hildren are well I was anxiously uneasy about them _ the measles are in this neighbourhood they tell me very favourably, tis impossible to confirm the Boys [...] I, suppose prevent the disorder, Ben possesses [more] veracity then I ever saw, he goes to school, and is a favorite [I told] him I was going to write to day, give dear Ben, Love to dear Maria, and tell [her] I want to see her _ we all anticipate spring with pleasure to enjoy the promis'd happiness of your society _ my Etting meet with an acquaintance of yours in the city who says when he [hears] of [end of page]

your being here he will visit Baltimore I shall excite your curiosity to know who this [adorer?] is, I really forgit his name _ your _ friend Mrs. Barry is quite well I have not seen her, [but] William assures me of her health, he calls often and always enquires of you _ Cousin is recovering fast and [Mrs.] Etting Better _ My Dutious Love to my honord mother I am [rejoiced] to h[ear] she is giting her likeness taken hope she enjoys uninterrupted health and [has] escapt the Rheumatism this winter tell my dear mother I [t]rust she will forgive my not addressing her knowing it immeterial to [many] to whom I [write] I have from time to time [deferd] writing [...] [...] the same wish and anxiety to my own Dear Honord father tribute my affection with fervent [ejaculation?], for his health & tranquility _ tell Sister Hays I hope soon to hear from her and felicitate her on the health of her darling children whom please kiss for me _ to Sally and Rachel tender my love and to [my] worthy Brothers accept a Large share of affection from my Etting and children

I will be much obligd to you my dear Becky if you will endavour to Procure too wigs for me the coulour of the lock enclosd have the hair wove on [tash?] let the calls be Long of a soft natural curl one is for Sally Etting and the other [end of page]

for my self the one that is for me I wish to be smaller in
the head you will be the Best Judge of that please give
directions & your Judgement will dictate let not the price excede
12 dollars please [s]end them by the first conveyance

I can scarcely obtain my own consent to ware a thing of the
kind but necessity compels the measure as I have lost all my
hair _ don't let Brother Sim know of it as I hear he dislikes
them _ I have no objection to the hair being something
darker _

my love to aunt B & family
adiu my [dearest] Becky may heavan shower its
[...] Blessings on you [prays] your affection[ate]

F Etting

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if you can git the wigs for 12 dollars let me
know and I will remit the money

F Etting

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