

**Sally Etting to Rebecca Gratz**

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well my dear Girl this is the third attempt I have made to a get a line from you I am determined it shall be the last time I will ever attempt writing untill you assure me my letters give you some little satisfaction for I [judge] you by self and am never so pleased as when I hear from A freind but that Cant be the case with you or why not write me one line to say you are all well nothing would give me more pleasure than to hear of the recovery of your dear Parent & hope you will be able to inform me of it when you write let that be very soon or I shall think I am quite [forgotin] by all my freinds for I have now been home this 2 weeks and not one line from you nor Sally I Can excuse her much better than you knowing she detests the Pen so much she may sue for pardon with more justness and be the sooner [forgiven] but you my dear Girl to behave so ill I cannot Brook if you promise never to behave ill in the like manner again you shall have all the news our little town affords in my next but I Cant promise much as we are very dull at present and long much for your coming to see us tis with pleasure I look forward for the time when you will favor us with your company you will please to present my best Love to your worthy amiable Mother and tell her I hope as your dear Father is getting better her troubles are here to end for she has had more dear creature than was her lot but hope she will now be doubley paid for all [she] has suffered with love to the good Mrs. Hays and the rest of your worthy family I am [my] dear your friend

Sally [Etting]

all freinds here are well and give there love to you all  
I had almost forgot to tell you fanny has wened the Child  
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