

Margaret (Peggy) Ewing to Rebecca Gratz

July 14, 1805

Easton, July 14th.

I did not intend that you should have been before-hand with me in your remembrances _ but that you have been so, gives me a great deal of pleasure _ independent of the gratification to my vanity _ I have been so [whirled] about since I saw you, that I did not feel myself stationary long enough to tell you where my abode was _ and since I came here, my old employment, nursing, together with the extreme hot weather, has made me almost unfit for any thing _ Amelia still continues to have chills _ and since Boston air has failed in driving them away, I know not what will have effect _ Mamma too has not been well _ but I bear all wonderfully _ here I have pitied you Philadelphians _ do pray tell me where Sally contrived to get cold this burning weather _ for my part I think I shall literally melt away if it continues much longer _ you do not say any thing of Mrs. Hayes _ I presume therefore she is well _

Mrs. Rodman's regret at not being better acquainted with me is extremely flattering _ I should be unjust to her as well as to myself if I did not also lament the accident which prevented my knowing her more intimately _ you must remember me to her when you write _ Rachel, I suppose, will spend the summer with her _ what has become of Mrs. Hopkinson _ I hear nothing of her _ I presume you do not keep up much of the ceremonial of visiting _ excepting it be by moon-light _ In spite of the men's scandalous accusations against us, we shall all, I think, be votaries of Diana, at least this hot weather _ I wish I could have derived so much advantage from my travels as to have amused you by an account of them _ but though I have climbed and descended mountains, I have met with no fairies or giants to retard my progress; nor valorous Quixote's to break the enchantment, had I been so encountered _ and as the Goddess of Romance does not appear to reside in this quartre of the world, I have no hopes of [deriving?] any
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assistance from her lady-ship in framing [adventures] for your amusement _ therefore, for the present, you must be content with my telling you simply that I

am well _ and shall be extremely gratified again
to have it in my power to thank you for another letter _
remember me to your Mother and Sisters, and believe me
ever yours

M. E.

P. S. I write this in the intervals of time that I can
snatch from attending on Amelia _ who has had a
severe chill to-day _ therefore I make no apologies _

M. E.

[Address:]
Miss Rebecca Gratz

[Endorsement:]
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