

**Margaret (Peggy) Ewing to Rebecca Gratz**

**April 11, 1806**

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As my good opinion of you did not entirely depend on your being silent or communicative towards me, I can readily assure you that it continues unabated, notwithstanding your apparent forgetfulness of me \_ for apparent I ever supposed it \_ confiding in the reality of your affection, my imagination did not revert to any thing so unpleasant, so far from grateful to my feelings, as the loss of it would certainly be \_ I placed your omission in the chapter of accidents that is ever occurring to you and me, and to every one \_ neither was your silence altogether the cause of mine \_ but this winter my time has not been at my own disposal \_ therefore I make no apologies for what was a matter of necessity \_ your conscience is in part satisfied by the discharge of your debt \_ my acknowledgment will I hope entirely relieve it, and shortly make you again my creditor \_ we will henceforth endeavor to balance accounts more regularly \_ that you sympathise in all my feelings I am well convinc'd \_ the late shock they experienc'd, though somewhat prepared for by a long and painful illness, [end of page]

was great, and unexpected \_ for when are we prepared for evil! \_ my health is much better than it has been for some time past \_ while I continue to enjoy it [so] well, I need not complain \_ I am happy to hear your Sister Hays is so well \_ our spring has hitherto been so unpleasant as almost to make every one fancy themselves invalids \_ for I am no convert to Dr. Johnsons opinion, that it matters not to our feelings whether the sun shines, or the sky is stormy \_ and I am much mistaken if his constitution was of so happy a temperature as to have been indifferent to outward [occurrences] \_ but this is a changeable month \_ and every change we may flatter [ourselves?] will be for the better \_ will at least bring us [nearer?] to May \_ whose very name is ever [accompanied] [by?] the idea of fine weather, and beautiful prospects \_ I am speaking like an inhabitant of the country now \_ the revolution in your city may be from gaiety to dull-

ness \_ you tell me you expect to go to New-York  
very soon \_ I was going to observe that my usual bad  
luck would attend me \_ for I meant to take advantage  
of my Brothers next visit to Philada., [which] will  
be this month, to see my friends there \_ but I have  
this week heard from my Sister Harris that she will  
be here about that time \_ therefore my jaunt will  
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be deferred \_ and you will most likely return before  
my plan is put in execution \_ I am pleased to hear  
of Mrs. Hauffmans happiness \_ remember me to her and  
Mrs. Rodman when you see them \_ Amelia and  
Mrs. Ewing desire their love to your family \_ mine  
I charge you with to your mother and all your  
Sisters \_ I expect you will receive this before you  
leave home \_ and with it my thanks for your kindness  
to me at this time, and assurances of my continued  
and unabated affection, and sincere wishes for your  
happiness \_  
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