

Margaret (Peggy) Ewing to Rebecca Gratz and Sarah (Sally) Gratz

December 31, 1808

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My dear Girls,

No omission of the kind of which I have been guilty for some time past weighs more heavily on my mind than my apparent unkindness, and neglect of you at a time which called forth the sympathy of all your friends _ I offer no other apology for my silence than a total inability to suggest any matter of consolation that would not readily seem to yourselves _ and merely to say I felt deeply for you under your heavy affliction, seemed almost an intrusion that might for a time be better dispensed with _ From all of you I have so often received every attention and kindness that friendship could bestow, that I should be ungrateful not to acknowledge it by every return in my power, and equally unjust to suppose I can ever repay you _ at this time my sympathy, and sincere wish that you may be supported under your severe trial, are all I have to offer _

Mary Thomson and myself called to enquire how you were _ and I had the satisfaction of hearing more particularly of you from Miss Ogden _ I intended to have called again _ but immediately after was confined to the house, and did not go out while I remained in town _ since my return my health has been better _ but though not a prisoner in my room, I am to the house for the winter season _ you see I take the liberty of supposing you are still interested in my welfare _

I heard of the birth of Rachel's daughter _ and was happy also to learn she was well _ Amelia and myself
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beg to be particularly remembered to all your Sisters _ Sister Hall also requests she may not be forgotten when I write to, or see you _ Amelia and myself paid her a short visit this fall _ my health was so indifferent we were obliged to return very soon _ It will give me great pleasure to hear from either, or both of you, whenever you can write to me _ in the mean time be assured I often, very often think of you _ and lament it is not in my power to shew my good wishes in some way more availing than words _

Yrs sincerely,

M.E.

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[Endorsement:]

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