

Rebecca Gratz to Margaret (Peggy) Ewing

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My Dear Peggy

If your kindness has outlived my long silence, let me solicit to retain my place in your thoughts _ and to assure you that you are always at your station in mine _ I have been at war with my conscience for several months, in which I have apparently neglected you _ yet am willing to suppose you would deem me sufficiently punished did you know how often I have anxiously wished for information of you _ which my own fault deprived me of _

Your late misfortune (_ and subsequent illness _ My dear Peggy) has excited my liveliest sympathy _ and tho' sensible I can offer no acceptable consolation _ I hope you will receive the commiseration of a friend and her best wishes for your better health, to be assured of which from your self is my strongest motive for writing at present I heard yesterday from Mrs. Davidson that you were recovering. give my affectionate love to Amelia, and my respect to your Sister, Sally & Rachel request their affectionate remembrance _ My Sister Hays has escaped any alarming attack this spring but, enjoys very delicate health, I have some thoughts of paying my friends in New York a visit next month _ I hope I shall hear [end of page]

from you before I leave _ Maria Hoffman has got a young son _ and is so proud of her children that she has sent me positive orders to hasten _ and witness her maternal happiness _ which is too agreeable to my wishes not to ensure obedience. we expect to leave home in about a fortnight, at which time Mr. H_s daughters leave school _ but I will not longer intrude on you at present _ than to assure you of my unaltered affection and

how very sincerely I continue your Friend

Rebecca G

[Address:]

Miss Margaret Ewing
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[Endorsement:]

Miss Rebecca Gratz