

Rebecca Gratz to Margaret (Peggy) Ewing

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My Dear Peggy

I cannot better evince my sense of your kindness than by immediately replying to your letter, and assuring you that my heart is deeply penetrated by the sympathy & friendship you express _

as far as the attention & kindness of friends could alleviate our affliction, we have indeed been consoled _ & the tears of gratitude are often mingled with those of grief. The sudden & unexpected visitation, seemed at first to overwhelm our faculties and take from us the power of knowing the extent of our own calamity, or the exertion of our friends _ but time has made us sensible of both, _ and believe me, my dear Peggy, the affectionate concern you express, is among the most acceptable we have received. Ben frequently brings us accounts from Mr. Thompson of the state of your health, in which we feel deeply interested. and it will gratify me extremely to hear from time to time from yourself that you are recovering _ I have several times been on the point of writing to Amelia to enquire about you, since you left town. but felt incapable of making the exertion, & was unwilling
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to intrude myself & the misery that envelopes me on your attention, give my affectionate love to Amelia, Sally & Rachel beg you will both accept theirs, they thank you for your letter. and send their best wishes for your health. The birth of Rachels daughter was a source of great comfort to us all, the perilous situation into which she was thrown, kept us in a state of fearful anxiety for the event. but she was mercifully preserved, and in giving to her infant the name of our Beloved & lamented Mother, we experienced a consolation, only equalled by our gratitude for her safety.

When you write to Mrs. Hall, give our affectionate love, and thank her for recollection of us _ John is in town, and brought us accounts of her health _

God Bless you. I sincerely wish you
every happiness _ and am affectionately Yours
RGratz

[Address:]

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