

Bowry House August 7th 1810

Your requesting to be made acquainted with the particulars of the passage, and of my safe arrival here, recorded too much with my own inclination, for me to delay any longer complying with this request; be assured my dear Ann that the most lively gratitude for your kind attention & sincere regard for yourself & family will render me desirous of being remembered by you, and if an occasional letter will serve to remind you of one who finds so much pleasure in thinking of you I shall be careful to prevent your forgetting me, — you were acquainted with the circumstance of my being disappointed by Mr. Cole not going in the Steam-boat, as I was to have been of her party; I felt a little unpleasant on the occasion, for we females are dependant beings; by the time I had reasoned on the subject, sufficiently to be reconciled to it, I was agreeably surprised, by her coming on board at Hudson. — we had a great number of passengers & more ladies than rendered it pleasant or comfortable, among the number there was one whose propensity to talking was neither sanctioned by judgment nor enlivened by wit, and who's childish prattle disturbed those whom the heat & other inconveniences would have suffered to obtain some rest. — The following morning we were much amused in attending Court, there were many brought before the bar & the generality found guilty

The Capt. was among the first of the Criminals, the Charge alledged was his having taken sheep on board as freight, but in consideration of his being in the employ of the Chancellor whos (sheep they were) his sentence was greatly mitigated. - the principal offenders were those who had disturbed the quiet of the preceding night. - I could not restrain the wish that the talkative lady might be arraigned, but in this case I found ladies are of a privileged order. - No accident took place except the breaking of some of the machinery which was soon repaired & did not detain us more than three or four hours; we arrived at about five in the afternoon; and I had the happiness of finding my Mother & friends in good health, my coming was quite a surprise to them as they did not expect me until Sister Denbrook came, she is not yet arrived but we are in hourly expectation of seeing her. - I have been to Richards (the jeweller) he says he can put the inscription as you wish to have it, by placing the date on the inside. in case he makes the rings of equal weight with the one you gave me as a pattern, he will charge twelve dollars a piece, but if they are lighter they will be ten. - As I thought they would be ~~cheaper~~ quite as handsome for being thinner I told him not to make them until I receive further directions from you; he says it will not take him more than a fortnight to make them, & if you will have the goodness to let me know by the next steam-boat, I will send him word immediately, how they are to be done. - the hair bracelets like those of mine, are from nine to twelve dollars a pair. - he sets pearls, but has not any small enough to form a earring. your shippers are not yet done, I will send them by the return of Capt. Boyce should Mr. Stevenson or yourself wish to have anything done which will be in my power to attend to, you will confer a favor in acquainting

me with it. - Please to offer my affectionate regards to your Mother your brother James & Mr. Walsh, you may if so disposed, offer the same to Mr. Walsh though I must acknowledge I was not quite satisfied in his refusing my invitation, as I flattered myself, he would be repaid for the trouble & fatigue in having my Society & the pleasure of seeing his friend in the Bowry, who would have derived much pleasure in having him among them; my Mother sends her kind love remember me to the Children, or rather to Mr. John & Miss Walsh with the Children, I suppose Ann will yet submit to being reckoned among them, with sincere affection & regard your friend

Margt. Stevenson

Should it not be convenient to you to favor me with an answer by the next Steam-boat dispute your brother; as he is of the Quill driving order it will not be attended with much trouble to him. - I shall however anticipate the pleasure of soon hearing from yourself. - have the goodness to let me know whether it is milk or white of egg which is to be mix'd with the lime for making a cement for mending China - Th. S.

Steam boat

Miss Stevenson

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