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My Dear Brother.

You have occupied my thoughts very often to day, it has been a tremendous blow, and when that is the case we are apt to think of those who may be exposed to it, but I presume by this time you must be too far distant to feel the effect of our winds. — Aunt Van Rensselaer and Ann are now with us, they have been down about a week and I am in hopes they will make us a long visit, as Aunt's house is not yet finished. but that will depend on the Patrons health, he is now quite ill and if he should get worse they will return immediately. — I had a dismal time of it down at Shelter Island, I took the bilious fever about ten days after I arrived, and had to remain there two months before I was well enough to return, Clara and Stewart came down for me, and we went over to Easthampton for a few days

Uncle David's family were all at home and we spent our time there
very pleasantly, they have given up spending the winter in the city
as they could not get a house ready furnished to suit them, or
rooms that they liked at any of the Hotels, and as Uncle David
is not very partial to a private boarding house they concluded to
remain at B. — Aunt Mary's health is much the same as when
you saw her. — I have been very well since my return until
this morning when I awoke I found my face and neck swollen
up with the Mumps, it has however not made me very sick as yet,
Pierce and David have also had it but are now quite recovered. —
Mr Oaks remained at Sing Sing for more than two months after
you left and continued as devoted as ever to Miss Archer
I do not think however it will be a match, Mr and Mrs Smith
would never give their consent, she says it must be somebody
superior to Mr O. — that lady Mary Mary, in wealth at least
I suppose, as from all accounts he has come to much of that
article. he did not leave a very good name behind him
as he was in debt to his landlord and almost every Merchant
in the place when he left. — Eliza is also writing to you
this evening, and by way of novelty has put her communica-
tion in form of a News paper, you will be amused with
it no doubt. — I must now bid you good night as

my face pains me, and it is also quite late. —
Wednesday Morning. We have a new paper established in the village
& I send you with this the first Number of it. I think it is much
better than the Herald, the Politics decidedly so, but I forget
you do not think the same as I do on that subject, so pardon me, I
will send you the Herald also. — I believe Eliza has told
you of the marriage of Susan and De Brandreth, I was
at Shelter Island at the time, and was never more surprised
than when I heard it, it was so precipitate, I believe they them-
selves begin now to think it was too much so, as from what I
hear they do not live any of the happiest together. I think
they are both disappointed, they were not sufficiently acquainted
with ^{one} or an other's characters before they married, and now to late
they find they do not harmonize, I feel sorry for Susan
for I believe she loved him, and so soon to be treated
with indifference and neglect must be very mortifying
the De thinks he has cause for dissatisfaction also, but
how that is I do not know, perhaps there is fault on both
sides. — Aunt has heard from the Patern to day he is
better, but she does not think she can extend her visit
longer than the middle of next week as it is getting

so late in the Season. She with Papa, Mamma, and the rest
of the family join with me in love to you and many good
wishes for your health and happiness. Mamma will write
the next opportunity, and hoping to hear from you soon
I remain most sincerely Your
ever attached Sister
Joanna

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P.S. To day is the last day of the Election. the Whigs are
going ahead gloriously - there is quite a revolution in the
state of affairs, and I shall expect to see you on our side
when you return - I will send you a paper with the
returns of the Election.