

Bowery-House August 14th 1810

The pleasure of being thought of by those we esteem, is too satisfactory to relinquish, & I derive so much gratification in cherishing the recollection of the kind attention of yourself and family while I was your guest, that with your permission my dear Ann, I will continue a correspondence from which I contemplate the hope of being more actively continued in your remembrance. — Had I never previously been disposed to love & regard yourself & excellent Mother, it would be impossible not to do so after having witnessed the composed & Christian resignation exercised under the severe pressure of Affliction — which is evidently distinct & different in its nature from what is styled fortitude, but (what to me) appears like want of feeling. — I was so much delighted in finding my presence was no restraint, so gratified in the many instances of kindness I received & it will be my future wish to be considered among the number of those who have enjoyed your friendship & love. — I received your letter on Monday, for which I offer my thanks — Sister Ben Brock arrived the same day, I think her health is greatly improved, she has not as yet regained her usual spirits & strength which is all that is now wanting to her being quite well — She mentioned having dined with you the

day before she left Albany. — I am truly concerned to hear that you are kept in so alarming & anxious a state from the apprehension of fire; it is my earnest hope & prayer that your anxiety will soon be dissipated by the discovery of these detestable & vile perpetrators of so heinous a crime. — When I was last in the City, I call'd at Richards & told him of what you mentioned respecting the Rings — his answer was, that if he had told the Jeweller he would make them for eight dollars, they must have been rings of a different description from the one I gave him as a pattern — as he told me it would be impossible for him to make them for less than ten dollars a piece, I have directed him to make them at that price agreeable to your order — he says they will not be done in less than four or five weeks. — I send this by Capt. Boyd in preference to the Steam-boat as your slippers are to go by the same opportunity. I have taken the liberty of detaining the one you gave me as a pattern, that in case you should wish to have others ~~made~~ made the shoemaker may be the better enabled to ascertain the exact size as it is probable he might make a mistake having made only one pair, I do not recollect whether I mentioned the price in my last, which is fourteen shillings. — The two small boxes which accompanied the package you will please to present to Margaret & Ann Walsh with my love — offer the affectionate regard of my mother & self to your Mama & the family — Sincerely your friend M. Stuyvesant

Sending you the receipt for the white paint, had escaped my recollection until I had closed your letter — it is as follows

Mat. Lloyd

Miss Stevenson

Capt. Boyd