

Rome. Aug 25th 1842.

My dear Sir,

"We have been long enough in this pleasant little Town, to find out, that though we board with one of the pleasantest families, and certainly a very Sweet Lady, it will be far more agreeable to us, as soon as possible to provide our own furniture and bring the table more, though not entirely under our control, our proposal to a Young married couple is this, (whose judgement in furnishing provision I experienced in July, being compelled to change my residence when I returned with a wife) that we should rent a house, together, and Catherine and I furnish our own Bed room, at once, and after Six months, say next Spring, when I shall be better able, also our own parlor. We have made some arrangements to this end, and our friend Nathuray & wife, will assume all the care and trouble of the marketing. He is a pretty generous fellow, well brought up and understands his part well =

To settle ourselves comfortably, and make "both ends meet." We propose soliciting your aid, in sending on to us about the first of December, next, both principal and interest, above one thousand dollars, of Kate's little fortune, which will be about the sum of \$2,20,00 — This, with the sum remaining of my salary, after our board is paid, we think will go far enough for the present, in providing sheeting — furniture &c. Any advice on the subject, you may deem expedient, be kind enough to forward.

Most happy shall we be to hear from you, frequently and still more happy if you can make it convenient to visit the West, this fall.

What success, with your Carpet Bag, I hope good, but doubt if it is. With regard to Mother Van Wyck's health I have entertained the strongest hopes from the beginning. Do give her every encouragement, it is one of the best antidotes in sickness. We are well pleased and contented and in good spirits, with our present lot. "Our wife" has behaved herself nobly through the whole of this deeply interesting and in many respects trying ceremony. I trust that the blessings of Heaven will rest upon us both, and that we may be made

humble instruments of good to our fellow men, in administering consolation, and kindness, to the sick in body and mind. We have fully recovered from our fatigue and Catherine's tooth ache, is almost gone. The parishioners have nearly all called upon her, now it is our turn to call upon them. You Dr Sir, cannot soon forget the scene in the church on the day of our wedding, the many tears, and shaking of hands, are pretty sure indications of the love and respect she will attract to herself, any where. May we both be an honor and ornament, to your family.

Most affectionately and Sincerely

Your Son in Law,

Stephen W. Batt

And so to Aug 1842

that you would try to send him the money at the time mentioned in the letter —

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