

Philadelphia - 18 Nov -

While engaged with my french master
a letter was laid before me in the hand-writing of my
dear papa, need I say ^{with} what pleasure I broke the seal to
read once more and assurance of your unabated affection
I ~~anticipate~~ Our correspondence this winter be very pleasing to me,
and I have no doubt I shall improve in letter writing, that is, if it is
true that "practice makes perfect" I intend writing to Mr. Cuth
by Candle light, with a ~~bad~~ few & Anne & Matilda keep
such a talking that I cannot write at all - Anne
says you know better than to think she talks so much -
Matilda says she will not write to you, for she is offended
at not receiving a letter from you -

Madame Ireland sends her Compliments to your Mother
she says she wrote to Mr. Livingston, but she does not know
if he has received her letter -
You mistake about her giving Matilda B.S. a week, she
gets her every thing she wants, but she does not me, I wish
you would write to her to do it - I do not wish any unnecessary
but I have not any money to pay for the thing I want -
I had five dollars when I left home which I gave for a hat

you sent me fifteen, I gave two dollars for a pair of shoes, I
was measured to-day for a pair of cork soled boots I do
not know how much they will cost - I got a red frock
which cost three dollars - and the mantua-maker has
made me the red frock with a pair of corsets, I have
not tried her yet, and do not know how much it is -
Mamma gave her leave to have hair put to my
bracets & necklace which I am getting done - so you
see I have not bought an unnecessary thing & yet my
15 dollars will be gone -

Eliza tells of going on Monday give my love
to Mr Rodman

Good night

Dear papa - Adieu vous benigne
et vous sache aimez votre fille

Aunt -

you sent
was mean
not know
which cost
made me
not being
mean
brackets
we I knew
15 dollars

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to Mr. No.

et vous sachez

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