

Bowery House April 1st 1811

Although so long a period has elapsed since I
have received any information from you, I flatter myself that
a few lines from one who has experienced so many proofs of
your kindness and regard, will not be unwelcome, and as your
brother James has promised to answer my letters in case you
should ^{be too much occupied} not be disposed to do so, I shall at least have the satisfaction
to hear particularly of yourself and family. - I in-
quire of Mr. Ten Broeck whether Abraham makes any men-
tion, and her reply is "Nothing particular," which does not in
the least satisfy me - I wish to hear that you are well and hap-
py, at least that you enjoy comparative happiness, for true
piety and submission to the Will of God will not only recon-
cile us to the afflictions our nature is constantly exposed
but will with the practice of religion and resignation, produce a
consciousness of the fulfilment of duty on our part, as may ren-
der us contented & happy in the humble trust of possessing
the favor & love of Him who has power to extend every benefit
towards those who serve Him in faith. - I wish also, my dear
Ann to know that I am still thought of by yourself & excellent.

Mother, it would cause me as much pain to be forgotten by you as it gives me pleasure to bear you both in remembrance, which it will be always my desire to do with sincere friendship and Affection, at present there are few circumstances would render me so happy as your Society if only for a day - I think I am entitled to expect it for a longer period, for if I mistake not you promised to make a visit to Bowery in the Spring; this season as yet, promises to be fine and I trust you will not disappoint the expectations I have entertained since we parted. -

The Change of Air would greatly benefit the health of yourself and Mother, independent of the pleasure it would communicate to your friends here, and your Sister will not expect you should remain at home for her twice a year. . . .

You have doubtless heard of the Illness of our Good Bishop, he is better than he has been, but it is not thought by his physicians that his health will ever be restored - I fear that his loss will be irreparable to the Church, at least that it will be difficult to find a Character in every respect so adequate to supply his place. - I am told that your Clergyman is getting very much in favor and that it is the intention of the Society to give him a permanent Call. it is a Subject of importance & if they have done so, we have reason to conclude that they are well satisfied that he is fully capable of being useful in so large a congregation. -

There is no news worth relating & as to what is passing in the fashionable world, I do not suppose it would impart more satisfaction to you in receiving, than it would me in the relation - but to confess a truth which would be condemned by many, I have neither taste nor spirits to participate in the gaiety & pleasures of the City, nor have I even visited it since last September, and what is so interesting to the gay & fashionable is listened to by me, with an indifference which would draw upon me from them the appellation of Stupidity. -

Towards the last of January I was taken ill with a violent cold, which confined me to my room for nearly six weeks, I am now quite recovered except occasionally with a pain in my breast. - the rest of the family are well - our usual health - we were much alarmed in consequence of an accident which happened to Eliza's little girl (the youngest), from having her arm fractured, it is more than a week since it happened & she is now almost recovered from it. - - -

Although I consent to your brother James writing when you are not inclined to, I should not wish him the trouble of perusing my letters as they are only submitted to your indulgence & not the criticism of a Scholar - my love to him & Mrs. Walsh. - be so good as to offer the love of my Mother to your parent & for me say whatever can express a sense of gratitude & affection which will ever be retained by your friend Marg^t Stuyvesant.

M. Heyman

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