

New York Jan^y 18th 1827

Dear Mamma

I received your letter some time since and have no good excuse to make for not answering it before but your goodness I hope will excuse me knowing as you do my unconquerable aversion to letter writing. My time is chiefly employed in studying french and drawing landscapes for the last ^{have} I receive many compliments from my teacher and the young ladies who attend school with me. Mr Smith is considered the first teacher in the country and has not been long returned from Boston. therefore his school at present is not large but receives an addition of one or two ladies weekly. The weather has been very severe that I have not been much abroad except to attend school and since the cold has abated the walking is very wet which will continue to prevent my going out. We attend St Thomas' church and as it is situated directly opposite us we are very regular in going. Sunday before last Mr Griffin son of Mr George Griffin gave us ~~the~~ the most elegant discourse that I ever heard he is very young and is as delicate in appearance as a female his talents are considered very fine. Mr Griffin preached by invitation from Mr Duffie who is the settled clergyman. I frequently see Uncle Samuel and Aunt Mary - They are very well and give me pressing invitations to visit them Uncle Nathaniel and family are also very well. Their house in Dry Street they have

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sold to very good advantage for \$7400.

We are all well I have recovered from the cold I had when papa
was here. Tell Catherine she must write to me -
love to all and particularly to grandmamma

Your affectionate daughter

Joanna Van Wyck

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