

Philadelphia March

My dear father,

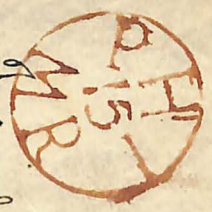
Matilda received your welcome letter yesterday
it delighted both her & me very much - You say you wish
us to return by the middle of April! Matilda is quite
delighted with it & desires me to say that we both speak
French perfectly well, & without any manner of doubt
on all occasions, and at all times - I think that we
have derived as much good as we should in staying
here two years longer - I speak French with perfect ease
and if I make a practice of talking it I am sure
I shall improve as much at home as at school -
My music also I have improved in - & I may say my
manners - If then my dear father wishes us to return
by the middle of next month we can - Suppose
when you answer this letter you ask Mr. Ireland

to let me sleep at the Miss Grath's for the remainder
of the time I am to stay here - They are anxious for
it, & I have always flattered myself that the
few last weeks should be spent with them - It
will only be a few weeks, for I fancy you will
let us return before the first week in April - I shall
come here every day, but I have during the whole
winter anticipated the last weeks as being so pleasant-
ly spent in their house - You have only to make
the request to Mrs. Ireland & she will consent, it
needs no arrangement for so short a time - - -

So answer this immediately, & write to Beely, the
possibility of returning with us, & if you will give
ever a wedding invitation I have no doubt she
will -

My mother desires
to you how delighted she is at the thought of return-
ing - As for me, the happiest moment I have
ever experienced or ever will experience will be when
I fly the wings to the heart of my beloved brother -

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