

Glouce Hill Dec 14th 1837

My Dear Brother

We are every day anxiously looking for a letter from you, as it is now near four months since you left us and I think quite ^{time} we should hear from, I wrote you last month and sent you some papers, and Papa and Eliza also I hope you receive them. Aunt and Ann left us the day after I last wrote. I have since heard from them several times they were very well and are staying at Stephen Ben Benfrelans as Aunt's house is not yet finished. from all accounts Mr P.S.P. must be making quite a change in the old mansion. The Parson's health is better. — Eliza has been making a visit in the city she returned last week Hannah De laun returned with her and spent several days

with us. Uncle Nathaniel was here a short time since
he says he intends returning to the city in the spring
I believe I have not much news to tell you. You will see
by the papers I send that we have had quite a large
fire in the village. I think of nothing else at present
that has transpired worth communicating. Our neighbours
on the right have gone to the city for the winter. They
are staying at the Athenaeum, or rather she is, the Dr
I understand spends but very little of his time there.
The children remain up here with their governess.
The ladies of the village have formed a Club
to meet weekly at one or others houses during the
winter, and have music, dancing, and any other
amusement that may be proposed. I think it will
make it very pleasant. The Engineers remain here
this winter, so I hope there will not be quite such
a scarcity of gentlemen as has generally been the
case at parties in the village, as Eliza has been
the principle one in getting them up the first one
is to be here. They commence the third of January

We have had a delightful fall and winter so far
there has been little snow I have been twice out in
the sleigh, but there is no ice in the river, the steamboat
still go to Albany. — Papa is going to the city to-
day and is to take this letter with him so you
must excuse the writing, as I have been not a
little hurried. We are all very well and join
in much love to you and hoping this may find
you enjoying the same blessing

I remain most sincerely

Your affectionate sister
Joanna

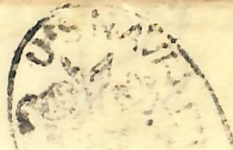


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