

New York March the 7th 1827

My Dear Maria

I have received papa and Catherine's letter
some time since and have neglected answering them but they
must consider this as an answer although addressed to you and
I hope they will write me ^{again} soon Since I wrote you I have enjoyed
good health and spirits and attended regularly my dancing
and french school excepting two or three days when the
weather prevented The winter with me has passed
rapidly away I can scarcely realize the commence-
ment of spring I have attended two dancing School
Balls within the last two weeks and enjoyed them
very much and regretted for the first time that I could
not dance The little boys belonging to Mr Hall's School
consisting of about fifty attended accompanied by
their teachers I assure you it was a handsome and
and pleasing sight to observe their elegant dancing
and gentlemanly deportment even those of eight
years old appeared perfectly like gentlemen.

Uncle David talks seriously of buying a farm on the
west end of Long Island and Aunt Juliana Mrs Edwards
and myself spent one day last week riding to Flushing
and Jamaica to view the different places adver-
tised for sale I enjoyed the excursion very much al-
though I think Uncle David had better conclude
to go some where up the north river I called last evening

at Uncle Samuels they are all very well and Sarah
Gardner is making them a visit I hear nothing
from Uncle Pierre to inform you of some time since
I am informed that he was very well but as I have
not heard of him lately I presume he is better. Aunt
Mary wishes me to call there with her which I have
engaged to do the first pleasant day if she is well
enough. I was much pleased to learn from Cather^{ine}
letter that Countess and the children were
making such rapid advances in their studies
I should be delighted to see little David who has
probably by this time grown quite out of my knowledge
and Pierre too must have improved very much in his
talking Give my love to Grandmother Uncle General papa
and the children

Your affectionate daughter

Joanna Van Wyck

Mrs Joanna Van Wyck
to
Rev Mother
Care of Van Wyck
March 14th 1827
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