

Albany August 8th 1816

Nothing gives me greater pleasure. My dear Mrs Cortlandt thank you and be entrusted with any commission you think me capable of executing. I can procure the silk and will send it with Mr Walsh but I do not think there is a piece of Canton Crape in town fit for the girls to wear many persons buy the coloured crapes and have it dyed black - I think it far superior to that which comes originally black - if you wish I will get a piece and have it done for you directly - be kind enough to let me know immediately and how I must send it - Our family are all well. Mama's health I think in general is better than it has been in several years - Aunt Lush instead of having returned only expects to leave this on Monday next she is not well I am in hopes this jaunt will be of great benefit to her - Mr & Mrs James will remain to keep house during Aunt's absence they have given up the idea of living in New York and will only make a visit there this fall - I am very happy to hear that the children are all well and pleased with their situations it would give me great pleasure to see them but I do not think it probable that I shall leave home this season and consequently cannot accept of your kind invitation to pay you a visit at present - Remember me affectionately to all not forgetting Pierre in which request Mama and Rachel join - Rachel has been spending three weeks at Claverack with Cath: Van Ness - she saw the

family at Mr Van Rensselaers several times - Mrs Lane was
making them a visit - They were all well - I have neither
news nor scandal to tell you - every body is ~~as~~ gone a jaunting
and Albany is dull to a proverb - I should be very
happy if either of the young ladies would honor me with a
line I will answer them directly - with sincere wishes for your
happiness believe me your affectionate friend

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