

Peekskill Sunday evening 5. Apr. 1812

Dear Brother

I am disappointed and grieved for on
~~my~~ arrival here with Theodore I found that Maria
was gone to New York she went last evening with Capt.
Conklin - I had intended that Theodore should have
accompanied her from this to Washington to
have gone either by Land or Water ^{from here} as it should
have best suited Miss Maria if by Land I would
have procured a carriage and Horses of John Mandi:
will to take her at least as far as Croton but
as it is I have concluded for Theodore to go on to
New York tomorrow by Land to be ready to ac-
company Miss Maria as soon as she is ready
taking a carriage and Horses from New York
but should she have already gone on for ~~them~~
to return - I myself shall stop at the Funeral
of Mr. Congar he died this morning it is a
melancholy Time in this County many
people Sick and numbers fall Victims to
the Decay which rages as much as it has
done - I hope Theodore may overtake
Miss Maria - "who I did not know was here
untill last Wednesday ^{or Tuesday evening} on my way to N.Y."

I have desired him to go on immediately tomorrow
evening to see her and Genl. Bailey and be ready
to start on Tuesday morning which if he is so
fortunate I shall be happy as it will relieve
me of great anxiety for unless Miss Maria
has a friend to accompany her and she
should be taken unwell on the road it may
be exceedingly disagreeable - however I hope
he will find her in Town - or if not perhaps
he may overtake her with a stage all which
must depend upon circumstances only to be
known on Theodores arrival there -

With my best wishes for the recovery
of the Vice President with very affection-
ate respects I am Dr. Sir, Yours

most sincerely

J. V. Cortlandt

Phil, Pau Lott Hunt
about Maria (Curtis)

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