

Andson Square - May 27th 1838.

My dear Emma -

Mrs. Jones has obligingly sent to me to offer to take charge of a letter or parcel for you and I should gladly have accepted her offer for the letter but that I am completely puzzled to know what would be most acceptable & useful to you - pray when you are next kind enough to write, do tell me frankly, whether my leaving ^{you} to choose for yourself, your paper, to ^{my sending} articles of dress, books &c. I hope you still remember my dislike of writing, My dear Emma, and have not fancied that I love you less or feel less pleasure in hearing from you - I ~~have~~ certainly have no right to expect a letter often, but do not give me up and at least once in six months let me know the advances you are making in comforts and how far you are reconciled to the change - Your last letter was a great pleasure to me and did you ~~so~~ much credit - the life you lead is so new to me, that every little circumstance is interesting and you can be at no loss for a subject - How near are you to Galena & do you ever go there &

see Caroline Morris? I suppose Mary Rhinlander
will have told you herself of her engagement to
John King. He is a handsome young man, and very
agreeable & gentlemanlike. She has certainly shaken
well among her admirers and from his character
I think her chance of happiness in her married
life is very great. Phil is with us here at her
wedding, which she will regret, I am sure. ~~unwillingly~~
~~unwillingly~~ The engagement did not take place
till after he had sailed. I ~~saw~~ ^{saw} Cary a day or two ago
who has been spending the winter with Julia at
Philadelphia, and she told me she was quite well
& cheerful. She has been here, but we have had a
host of sickness & anxiety for some weeks and
I have not been out, nor could I see visitors.
Our sister in law, the D.'s wife, was confined
nearly 2 months ago, & for the first three months
was extremely well, but she had then an alarming
attack - a pressure on the brain and a continued
pulse of 120 or 30. She had three physicians constantly
attending her, and they only paid their last visit
yesterday. She was then well enough to go out to

her father's, Mr. King's, three miles from Hottelton -
& George who has just come over, says she was
quite & unmovable extremely well. We have been very
much disturbed, but are now quite easy about her,
tho' her pulse is still unusually high. David went
yesterday to Philadelphia upon business. He is still
President of the Gas Company and when he occa-
sionally comes over, we are, I hope, settled entirely
with him. He does not refuse any wish to go to
housekeeping and we ^{had} are too comfortable & happy
being together not to dread any change. George
wife has been the whole winter with us, and
eldest child 14 months old, has been a delight to us.
Peggy told me particularly about Mahilda & her little
family. David left his love for you & we beg your
acceptance of the enclosed \$25. - we need not tell to
give you no trouble about bills. It is said positively
that your uncle Adam Hoffman is engaged to Miss
Southard. She is a pretty lady like girl, I hear - I
do not know her myself. I know your family quite
pretty regularly so I have said little about them.
You must tell me who you wish to hear about, that I
am in the way of seeing. Mary Swanton has a lover
Montgomery Livingston, a son of Robert L.'s. but he

mother will not let her engage herself as she is too young
 that is her only objection, so if he is constant 2 or 3 years
 she will certainly marry him - He is 6 feet 2 strong handsomely
 & that is all I know of him - He is just returned from
 abroad and is just 21 himself -

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Miss Nicholas -



Just by, when I was there we very truly
 your friend brother
 J. C. Allen