

My dear Mr. Nicholas

Mr. Bidle heard
accidentally, (naughty woman
to allow them to hear it in
this way) that you had
arrived in Phil^a & the
moment his affairs would
permit, he went to see
you, & to express my regrets
at being unable to accom-
pany him. I have been
ever since Saturday last
confined to my room &
part of the time to my
bed by a very severe cold
& have not yet sufficiently
recovered to admit of my

going out to day. if the
weather should be favora-
ble tomorrow I will make
an effort to see you -
but had this should
not be the case, can
you not promise me
should it not interfere
with more agreeable en-
gagements, to dine with
us in family on Satur-
-day? if either or both
of your daughters have
accompanied you, I shall
be truly glad to see them
& all, of whom your party
is composed, & perhaps
you may be able to
prevail upon Miss Grate
to accompany you.
which would add much to my plea-
sure

I hope she will pardon my
late coming neglect of
her, when she recollects
my sister's severe illness
to whom I have devoted
every moment of time
that I could spare from
my own family. I
have unfortunately made
my preparations to remove
to Andalusia on Monday
but I trust that you mean
to reserve a portion of
the time that you intended
to devote to your friends
in Phil^a for my gratifi-
cation, & that you will
allow me to share your
improvements there
& give me the pleasure
of chatting over with
you of the ^{day} by you &
it would give me

Much pleasure if Miss
Grate, would also make
one of our party. yours
very sincerely
D. Jane M. Biddle

Wednesday 23^d June