

plain me, I shall always feel a strong
interest in you & a desire to be useful
as far as lies in my power. - J^r affectionate

cousin F. Colburn.

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My dear Emma - Julia has sent me
word I can write by a private hand
to you, and I am only sorry the per-
son who is going, has no room in
his trunk for a few trifles I should
have been glad to send. I thank you
my dear Emma, very sincerely for
your kind & excellent letter - I was
pained to find all the hardships you
are undergoing, and I hope the future
may be brighter and make you amply
for this sad beginning. What a com-
fort your arrival must have been to
Elizabeth! That will console you for
much that you have gone thro' and
have still, I fear, to encounter - You
were not surprised, I dare say, at your

grandfather's death - tho' I believe just and those of large houses that involve
at last it was rather sudden - Julia ~~multitudes~~ - every body is out of spirits
will tell you her plans better than I can - she looks thin but bears her loss
better than I expected - I will only
talk to you of our concerns, for
you have so many correspondents
in that branch of your family, that
I should ~~never~~ be repeating what you
already know, if I speak of them.
David has been appointed President of
the Manhattan Gas Company, which
gives him an income of two thousand
dollars a year and a respectable
standing among his fellow-men.
He is very much occupied as he is
new to business, but he is perfectly
well, and very thankful for his a-
mended prospects. There never has been
such ruin & misery among the merchants
as there is just now - failures every day
and you hear of auctions and disposals
of families daily - among the mechanics
too, the suffering is beginning to be sad-
ly felt for houses are stopped building
& debts to the builders &c. are in many
instances not paid - in short, these
days of "hard times" which we have
often heard ^{without it has been said much cause} seems now to be in all
months and little immediate prospect
of a remedy - but you will hear more
of it & I ought to spare you such a
dull subject - Julia says Phil: Rhineland
wishes of paying you a visit - I hope he may
with all my heart - Mary looked bright
well when I met her a few days ago -
I stalked with great affection of you - Your
Aunt Eldon moves opposite to Henry
Wilkes in this street in May, 10 that we
shall be very near - and the grace of the
we mean to take possession of our house
next door - we cannot afford it yet - Mr
Eldon sends a great deal of love to you &
your mother - she is very much

out of health and I fear is not likely
to recover entirely, but I hope she will
be better soon and able to enjoy a tolerable
degree of comfort. She is dining
with us to day. I have been talking a little
and now that the weather is really
warm, I have great hopes she will
gain strength & improve in spirits.
Aunt says to be most kindly remem-
bered and hopes you feel enough
interest in Charlie to be glad to know
he enjoys the warm weather too,
and has a prospect of living to see you
again & receiving a kind pat. I enclose
\$15, dear Emma, as I cannot send
you the articles of dress I wished to
send, ~~for~~ I thought money would be
of much less use to you, as I suppose
ably chopping without a long journey
is not to be found, but I have no choice
I must beg your acceptance of this hope.
Good bye, my dear friend, rely upon me
whenever I can be of use to you - tho' I
may not write often