

Miss Hoffman -

at Capt. T. Colden's

Coldingham --

New York October 10<sup>th</sup> 1807

Dear Ann

I am sorry to have nothing but melancholy news to communicate about poor Charles, he has become much worse within the last week, for two days he has not left his bed except to have it made the Doctor has ordered that he shall not be left alone at all, he fears a sudden change, and seems to think that a few weeks at furthest will terminate his existence.

Papa and I went to Morris-town last Wednesday, we attended the examination Thursday morning, went to the boy's Play in the evening, and returned yesterday. Ogden has again obtained the silver medal, which he keeps now forever, Taffy has likewise received one, together with Lindley Hoffman. The Play was John Bull, the farce, Love laughs at Locksmiths. Ogden played Frank Rochdale in the former and did it to admiration. I wish you could have seen him, I am sure you would have been delighted. He came down Yesterday together with James and Edward.

Henry Ogden, and M<sup>r</sup> Brevoort returned from Montreal a few days since, they left M<sup>r</sup> and M<sup>rs</sup> Rodman there who were to leave it in soon after them. They expect intend coming to New York to stay a fortnight and then returning to Albany to live at lodgings this winter.

You have heard of Miss Astor's marriage I suppose and were you not astonished? The man she has married is very ugly, and, very lame, he wears a shoe with the heel two inches thick and limps even with that and to crown all he is a modern philosopher. What a taste she must have to prefer him to Captain Davy They were married three weeks before it was known either to her Father or Mother.

Was Aunt pleased with her Cap? I hope she liked it, the work is not to compare to Ellen's I know, but being the first attempt I trust she excuses the badness of it. The next shall be done better.

The boy grows finely, he nearly equals Charles in beauty, but not in goodness. Beppy sends a kiss to Ann Page. We are all very anxious to see you. Your society is greatly missed by all and be assured by none more than

yours sincerely

Matilda

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