

Bowrey House January 8th 1808

Dear Uncle

It affords me sincere pleasure in expressing to you, the gratification Maria received from your affectionate letter, it was more than usually welcome, as it convinced her of the continuance of the love & regard of persons so dear to her, as yourself & Aunt. — Separated by some distance & so little communication between us, there was reason to suppose that an indifference might take place (from circumstances being misrepresented) through the kind interference of Cousin Braham this supposition has been removed and the amiable part she has acted has increased my love & respect to wards her. — Our Religion as well as what we owe to our own comfort & happiness lead us to live in love & goodwill towards each other, with us this duty & pleasure is strengthened by the ties of relationship. — My Mother is much inclined to testify her regard personally, by making you a visit, this however will not be practicable during the winter, should her health be spared until the Spring & the travelling becomes good she anticipates the happiness of again meeting you — be pleased dear Sir to present our love and regards to Aunt & Cousin Vanrick — with great respect I remain your Affectionate Niece M. Stuyvesant

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