Rhinebeck March 3rd 1807

Your most truly welcome letter my dear Father & Mother gave us great pleasure — I have no information from home half so minute as Mamar & after all I will cheerfully barter the sentimental epistles for a good sober statement of facts & every day occurrences. We are very well & I think very happy in each other our children are good, & their parents wise enough to appreciate rational enjoyments without grasping at more than falls to the lot of mortals — many I believe lay up in store for themselves much uneasiness and disquietude by aiming at a perfectibility of happiness inconsistent with our nature — I am not surprized that Aunt Farnham grows weaker — for I thought death was written on her face long before we parted — I wish you would be particular in telling me how she is, how long she can sit up, whether she is discouraged about herself &c &c — give my best love to her; my heart is much with her — I can only regret that it is not in my power to be with her in person at this time — You will always have the goodness to remember me to all friends — the Miss Pearles — Clementine Bancroft & the children — Harris too — We have spent the last week in visiting — one evening at a smart ball given by Colonel De Voe who you will remember as Johns old master he is as pompous, vain, & ostentatious as his servant

but very good natured — We have spent two nights with Mrs Montgomery who is very friendly & agreeable she sent us a box of preserves of different kinds supposing very correctly that we had not much of that sort of trash — To morrow we dine & spend the night at Chancellor Livingstons — This is showing ourselves to you in our most dissipated point of view — these visitings will soon be over & we shall again be as domestick & retired as you wish — but now they are all giving us dinners as we are new married people & as our neighborhood is not the most compact the consequence is half the time they give us beds — We should hardly think of riding twelve or fourteen miles to make a call yet me or two have visited us from that distance. Catharine & John desire their respects Mr Schuyler unites with me in every remembrance of love & affection — Yours

Betsy

Mrs Schuyler's letter
from Plum Creek
1814

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