

My dear General

Baltimore June 27th 1812

I pray you to make known
to Genl. Smith how much my sister & myself
are obliged by the polite attentions of his
family to us. - Your letter to Madame
Bonaparte I carefully delivered yesterday &
found her all your warm feelings of partial-
-ity had often expressed in her favor. - age more
Where shall I begin or where shall I end in
speaking of her merits. - She is charming & exall-
-ent; she in my opinion possesses all the qual-
-ities that render the female character ~~and~~
appetite. - a great ease & urbanity of manners
qualified by a great good sense, much faci-
-lity in conversation, kept always alive & made

interesting by intelligent remarks; much
knowledge of the world & great good breeding
which tempered by the amiability of her
disposition makes her studious to avoid
offending those who may some times merit
inattention & apiduous to please those who
may deserve her good opinion. - her person
is every thing man who has taste & knows
women, can wish; a very intelligent nose
says, the latter speaking every thing, a sweet
little person that Cupid could not have
found more to his taste, to conclude this
charming subject, if I must cease to speak
of this lovely little woman, that you cannot
prevent me thinking of, you may tell her
(if you please) that I am much flattered
by knowing her & am much obliged to the
gentleman who was the cause of it. - Pray

use your influence & solicitations to induce
her to go this summer to Balltown springs
or any other springs where you & I dear
General may have the pleasure to see her.
she is a dear woman, if I dared I would say more
— ~~but~~ she is a dear little woman.

Be so good to make my Compliments to
all our fellow lodgers & believe me Sir,

With sentiments of admiration & esteem
Yrs. Very Wm. L. C.

Wm. L. C.

P. S. 28th of last night
Reading over my letter I
find I have written with some ardor, I
have not time to write another, why sh^d.
I suppress a generous effusion in favor of
a charming woman; I am off this morning
for Philad, pray induce Mad^e. B. to go to
the Springs this summer & give me the
information as I would any time else

a few hundred miles to see her. - Yours
Do not forget to write me on the
Subject -

Wm. L. Allen
To J. M. C. C. C. C.
at New-Orleans

June 27th 1812