

liberality of the people - for the support of Bishops, giving
some historical account of the Church - to be sure the best appearance
of religion in it: but it is an occasional sermon & I'll
not judge the man from one hearing - He was named last night
as Miss Lyman - I crossed the Delaware a few days ago in
company with Miss Eaton, the Misses Clay, Poles, Mrs. Lohan, & a few
gentlemen, 5 minutes in crossing - It was the day on which the Sun
appeared.

I don't know what is being
but write the ell, I have not
kept my journal since then
I send them & get rid of them in
my trunk. I shall write only
one more letter from the
place - for we seem to be
going & farewell my Dear
Aunt - May the 29th -

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May the 3^d For the last week I have not been able to write my journal
before, & it is now quite impossible for me to recollect
what has taken place either internally, or externally; so various
have been the emotions - I have been at theaters nearly 3 weeks. The first
part of which time I was truly sick; but now I feel quite well.
I have visited the Academy of Fine Arts. The painting of Allston which
did not quite answer my expectations. I believe however it was not
because the picture was faulty; but because I anticipated too much
I cannot conceive of death's being more perfectly represented in the reser-
vation expressed round the mouth, & the convulsion of the hand, & foot -
is inimitable. It appears to me, there is too much horror, doubt, & surpris-
expressed in the countenance, of those around, considering it was but an
emphatic first moment, & I can not conceive of any countenance
being so distorted instantaneously - Many indeed criticize the represen-
tation of the wife fainting; but when I consider it, I think it is
as faultless a figure as any other except the most prominent - all
join in saying the daughter is admirable. I have heard the Physi-
cians condemn the painting, saying the anatomy is very imperfect.
The Academy gave for it: Their funds not being equal
to it: they are now paying for it, in part, by subscription -
On one side of it hangs Washington by Stuart; the only one there of
his, on the other Cook in the character of Richard 3^d by Sully. West's
best paintings. Scene 1st King Lear, by it was the one I am most pleased
with; but I have heard some there, comparing them, & saying how much superior
Allston's was to it: Opposite to it hangs another by West, from Hamlet, of
presenting the King, & Queen, the young lady who lost her reason, & gave
her name, shewing me, & some other persons among the best of the
group - her brother sees her for the first time, since the loss of reason.
He is the most perfect model of manly beauty I could imagine -
A painting of the tribute money - a copy of Sully's, pleased me much
there is as great variety in the expressions of those tempting our
various as possible, & his the most beautiful & benign - None made
a deeper impression on my mind. Some other scripture pieces, one or two
scenes of the martyrs; but there is no here to the painting. If you must
depend on what the visitors tell you respecting them. One picture I thought
admirable a lady with a hat on, a hole in it, & the light shines thro' it - on
it has the most pleasing effect, a very old painting done in wood color.
There are many others, old, & interesting, Flemish; but I could not remember
all

Mr. Wiggins picture is the most beautiful one I ever saw, one other being
we could not learn who she was - Dr. Caldwell, Abbe Corcoran - Vice Pres. C. L. Eaton -
Donaghy's young interesting, & a fair fat stupid & disagreeable - A painting
of three Donaghy's picture, which excites much interest - The artist self
thought - you might look an hour at it, the bounded are well done, even the
the cock crowing. The chaquin of the one side, & the suppressed exultation of the
other is excellent - One by the same person, of an Election here, representing Chesnut
St. - the Court-house, Museum & Coarse, but the effect is good -
Some others done by a Sign-painter, extremely well done, only too highly
coloured - Water Scenes, Storms at sea, & Hunting, fairs - One of a dog
drinking pleased me much - An engraving of Ben. West excels
the countenance & the execution. Many of our I know enamelled, beautiful
one of two females examining something I could not make it out unless it
was ~~the~~ the crown of thorns, fading from the expression of devotion
Mary's other's; but on the whole the collection did not answer my ex-
pectations. The Statues that were captured from our view, they are only
shown at particular seasons, & then gentlemen & ladies go on different
days. I saw many heads, but - some of the ancients were familiar to
me - Dr. Rush. Dr. Physic - The Academy is situated in Chesnut St. up
as high 10th -

I went this morning to Friend Coates to see some fine botanical
prints belonging to Dr. Barton. A collection of shells of Mr. C. is in them
they were very handsome, & a great variety - Mr. C. a sensible, scientific
woman; but she tried to show it too much - I can't pretend to describe
them, I am so ignorant - Saw a box hung up in the room of shell work
done by a young lady - a temple, some crystals interspersed. A book of
time is not very beautiful. Saw two pictures cut with a pen knife, of blotting
paper, done by a person in the Hos. - One is the Sec. Dr. Ship's Thayer. The other
some men, it was done thing quite new to me - Many curious things here
they are old folks - I drank tea with friend Norton day before
yesterday - This afternoon at Mrs. Marshall's, they are comfortably situated
Yesterday morning I called on Elizabeth Radman, I saw William's wife for
the first time, sister to young Morgan, who lives at our house - She is
the most beautiful person I ever saw - Saw I saw Radman for
the first time - I like him rest of any of them. Saw Anne Hartshorn -
another beauty Dr. H.'s wife - Sunday morning went to Dr. Pre. - Meeting
heard W. Wilson, & learned discourse but not an interesting one, after
noon Ann, & I, went to Christ's Church, & heard Mr. Kemper, Ann Abasco
him were much say he's a mere declaimer, & that he said all
who did not belong to the Church of England, were reprobates, & out-
casts; but I think he went too far - His sermon led to arouse the