

Philadelphia May 2^d 1815.

Dear Brother.

I was much pleased when I observed your hand writing in a letter directed to you. I am rejoicing that this false delusion is clearing from your eyes. I suspect that you believed me no day like a brother, and you have neglected all my letters as if my foot was in incertainty. Banish the thought, and believe ^{me} ~~with~~ a brother, possessing all the fraternal affections & let us consult upon what is better to be done with an afflicted and excellent mother. By some oversight & neglect in our family my letters have lain in the office a long time. I trusted to the postman, but I was never informed by the family that he had called, or an answer would have been more speedy. A letter from St. Francis dated Novemb^r 10th had the same fate.

I have written my mind fully, with regard to mother coming, as soon as possible to this city. But how can I maintain her here when I can't maintain myself. But that is a trifle. When here, she will not want for homes. Mr. Flains insists that she stays with her and Mr. Atherton will expect her there and so will several. So that if she gets here, the expense will be small. But come she must & the sooner the better. I say come with my whole heart, and a few dollars will defray all expenses.

I applaud you for your manner of speaking of your Mother. You always had a good heart, but

you would not show it, but obstinately displayed more than you felt. But one evil corrected, many immediately spring up.

In such a case as this you should exercise all your firmness and seek to be quiet and be studious never to add fuel to the fire. Rather endure & forbear than irritate. That is the fault you all should get rid of.

Believe me yours affect^d Brother, who will rejoice, to hear that you are employed so as to feel as if you were your own property & let us join to alleviate misery & in the mean time put a cheerful courage on as will your affect^d Brother

W. Matthews

Many beloved sisters Mary.

Puffed feeling I think I am, these things affect me little, but it is only because I can't see how I can remedy them all. If circumstances would, I would fast, but I must save my strength in order to be enabled to do the better for you. This is like the Stoic -

One thing, my dear Sister, shall be done and that is mother must come here immediately, the sooner, the better. Could I, I would say I will be a Camp. and the 10th & on the 14th sail for this city. But I can't.

I should rejoice at the conduct of our brother Andrew but the afflicting circumstances with fill

your letters prevents me & I only feel an alleviation for what
I should otherwise feel suffer.

I have written by father & shall to Daniel &
Benjamin as they deserve. Write with your very excellent
sister & if possible, be left untroubled, and with all the
paunder you can master, endeavour to make a sullen
Peace & the mist may yet be dispelled. Be quiet, if pos-
sible. My most hearty love to mother & to Betty.
I always thought myself blessed with them & you,
I am, my dearly beloved sister,
Yours affectionately
Walterhouse

My dear Sister Betty.

My advice to you is - be quiet as
possible and try if you can to smother all irritation. By
a little management, you can do away a great deal.
Come forward and all determine to be kind & by that
means overcome - Recollect the title of the play "She
steps to conquer" or The complies to have her own
way and is successful. Persuasion more than
rallying avails.

Insist upon Mother coming as soon as possible
to this city and trust to God for the result. Means will
come, & ends will sanction your exertion.

Yours affec. B^r.

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