

choose ways which will to you seem all the necessary and of which I would be
satisfied for what you will, and I will go as far as I can, and I will be
willing to do so, and I will be as far as I can, and I will be as far as I can,
Williamsburg, January 10th 1808

Dear Madam, I find myself to perform the truly pleasing
task of scribbling to my much valued Friend, I find myself to perform the truly pleasing
to relieve us from our uneasiness at your long silence, Eliza said she
was certain you were either sick, or dead. The mail from here to New
London, must be very singular, as your letter was dated the 11th Decr,
to which I did not receive it until the 1st Jan, a very acceptable New Year's
gift I do assure you my dear Sarah. On the 2^d Jan. Miss Mow
celebrated her birth day, she gave a general invitation to all those who
visited her, I was compelled to decline the pleasure of going on account
of indisposition, you may imagine how great my disappointment was,
when I anticipated it with so much pleasure; but being inured to
things of that kind, I bore it with great fortitude, and contributed
all in my power to make Sally Bracken, & my sister, look very smart.
The day after the Party we were honoured with a visit from Mr
Calloway, he is a very genteel young man, and possesses easy, pleasing
manners; but indeed he is extremely homely, he informs us your residence
is a very short distance from his Brothers, so I suppose you visit, do let
me know in your next if Mr Calloway has recovered his health, and
how you like her &c. And now as I suspect your curiosity is excited, I'll
satisfy it, by relating what induced me to make those enquiries; Mrs
C. is an intimate friend of J. Bracken's, who wrote to her some time since
and has not heard from her yet; do inquire if M^r C. received an elegant
net toilette, I'd sent her! but I hardly suppose she saw, as it has
not been more than a week since she sent it.

I should like to be present at the meeting of the society you speak
of in your letter, tho' not as a member, for my taste for literature
is not of that kind; my Mother has always paid great attention
to inculcate the necessity of abhorring satire, and with truth I
can say, it has had the desired effect; I have some acquaintances
adjacent to this City. Mr. Anderson has taken the reading room
at the commencement, the Gentlemen intended giving Sally's once a
week, but the Bishop finding it interrupted their study, soon put a
stop to it, which we are all very sorry for, as it was pleasing, as well
as edifying, for before the dancing commenced the Gentlemen discussed
a political subject, some of them display'd great eloquence; M. And-
erson is in very precarious health at present, he has been confined
some time, with a rising on his ankle, which he has suffered a great
deal of pain from; he appears to regret very much Sally, Brown's,
not returning, as also does every Person who was acquainted with her,
which I am not at all surpris'd at; for certainly she is among the
most amiable of her Sex. Eliza is still here, and I think will
remain here the Winter, altho she can't bear the idea of it; She
has made a conquest of Mr. May, one of your up the Country
Boys, he thinks her one of the most divine mortals he ever beheld,
I assure you, I think he will prove a formidable rival to Fleamill
son. With inexpressible pleasure I inform you my dear Sarah
that my Mother is in a state of convalescence, and I flatter
myself will soon be return'd to her usual good health.

Really this is the most frigid day I ever felt, altho I am almost
in the fire, I can scarcely hold the pen; the Girls cou'd not prevail
on me to go to Church to day, I am very glad I was obstinate for
once, as I am certain I shou'd have suffered so much with cold, that
I shou'd have been unable to have attended to the Sermon.

As I am called to ~~Dinner~~ I must bid you adieu, tho' very reluctant
— by I assure you. Mama, and Mary, send their affectionate
love to you, do write me soon. as I do assure you your letters
convey much pleasure to your Friend, you must excuse errors,
and bad writing, as ^{I am} too cold to write tolerable, and can only add
a very sincere wish, that the year which has commenced may
be productive of all the happiness you so justly deserve, and that
each returning year, may increase and confirm it. Farewel my
Dear Sarah, and believe me to be

Yours, much attached,

Your Friend,

Jane, C. C. Harton.

Maria