

My dear Nancy, Williamsburg May 31. 1817.

Unavoidable absence from home for several weeks, and continued ill health, both at home & abroad, must be my apology to you, (as well as to several others of my friends & correspondents,) for my seeming neglect of your favors of the first of March, & 18th of April; for both which accept my thanks. I am very happy to hear that my recommendation of Mr. Harrison to you has proved a benefit to your affairs. He is a Gentleman I have long known, & highly esteem; and though not very nearly related, we are enough so, to remember with pleasure the characters of those from whom we deduce that relationship. I beg you will present me to him with great regard & friendship whenever you see him.

I begin to hope that my health is getting better, and that I may once more know what Ease & Comfort are, to both which I have been almost a total stranger for the last six months. I am happy, however, to inform you that my dear Selia's health is greatly mended, though not so perfectly as I could wish, since the last year. Our dear Polly is still with us, but will leave us next week. Miss Bowdoin is also with us at present. All three send their love & best wishes to you, & your little Boy. Polly bids me say she longs to see him. Give him a kiss for me; & remember my oft repeated Advice & Injunction, not to spoil him. An
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only Child, the darling of a fond mother, & having the Expectation
of an Affluant fortune, is in the most dangerous of all possible
Situations. — Let me entreat you to reflect on this, as the most worthy of
your continued attention, & endeavour as far as depends upon yourself
to guard him from the dangers which surround him. That Heaven
may bless you both is among the most sincere wishes of

Your affectionate friend

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