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My dear Susan

I received yours dated the 31st Augth to day, it is the only letter I have received in six days from you - I rejoice to hear you & the boy are well -

Foster arrived yesterday by him I heard from Grimké and Read - Mrs Read desired her love to you & you may tell Mrs L - was very well the 20th August -

Read says nothing was done in the chancery business -

Mrs G - is to present my friend with another pledge of mutual love & pleasure - he says. "Shubrick was in Town a few days ago, but before I received the last parcel of yours & expressed a seemingly sincere wish that the matter might be brought to an amicable adjustment" - don't forget China for these good folks Mrs G - says she wants common china that will do for the afternoon or Tea parties -

I should not like to interfere with your brother in the purchase of the adjoining farm but if he thinks it reasonable & yet does not choose to make it and there is not too great a quantity of land I should like a retreat thereabouts for you - if it exceeds 100 or 150 Acres might it not suit your brother to spare us from 50 to 100 acres - the property to appear his - and he take the rest -

I am very glad you have been out of Town for it has been very sickly among children and I think it yet not wholly over for altho it has rained since Saturday until this morning yet it has grown warm on its clearing up, which is not very much in favour of its growing more healthy -

Bush Hill I fancy will be deserted this winter, as I understand The Vice President has taken the house in which Mr. Bradford now is at Nine

hundred dollars which is £360 N York money, without
Stables or coach house & Mrs Hepleys adjoining house
the Spaniards have got at £240 this money - it
is well we are a year before hand -

I think Brocholst will be a very good hand
to enquire about real property -

The markets here grow higher and higher - veal
7^d pth - butter 18^d Lamb which last week was 4^d now is
got up to 6^d - belia seems to do pretty well, but
what Sarah does more than make my bed & sweep
the room I know not -

I dont approve your being quarrelsome it
will break in upon all my plans - but if it is
so we must take care of the Banthing as well as
we can - but pray dont repeat it too often - I
contemplate being in Elizabeth Town on

Thursday the 15th and to return to this City by
the 22^d —

M^{rs} Allen has returned and ~~still~~ denies the
fact — but still there are those who say the thing
has certainly been done — how it is I know not — I
have viewed none of them — but I do not see that
Matrimony is so heinous a crime that it needs to be
so secretly concealed — but perhaps the blushes of the
dame are to be spared —

Give my blessing to Peter with a kiss — my
Love to your brother and M^{rs} L Vea Vea —

I resign myself to the semblance of
death & hug my pillow because you my love are not
here —

Pleasant dreams to you

Yours affectionately
John Kean

Philad^a

Tuesday Night 10 O'clock.

Sep^r 6th 1791.