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John Kean to Susan Kean, April 3, 1787

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My Dear Susan

Ticknor left this on the 25th & got to sea the 29th he bore you three first bills of exchange amounting in the whole to £383.8/7 New York currency, the duplicates of which I now send you; in case of any accidents having happened to the first, these will be valid, but, if the first have arrived safe, then these are of no use.

I also now inclose you a final settlement certificate for 1933 3/4 to dol. which if necessary you can dispose of: it is worth between the £170 dollars in money.

I have been detained these three days by bad weather - the last of March & first of April are peculiarly obnoxious to my constitution - it was on those days I went to Long Island, there I flatter myself will not have as bad consequences for being aware of my situation I kept myself close to my room; had a good fire - thought of my Susan I was as happy as any one in my state could be - two or three changes from warm mild weather to cool, damp, heavy, that have taken place since my arrival, have
convinced me how much I must have suffered by the very cold weather in New York—when the air is clear & temperate I am perfectly well & don't cough more than twice or thrice in twenty four hours, but as soon as it becomes cold or damp I cough a good deal & feel some pain in my breast—but happily for me we have not had more than four such days in the three weeks I have been here—thay have checked my progress no doubt but I have mended on the whole most surprisingly my appetite good, my strength increased and my whole appearance so much mended that John says I shall be quite fat by May if I go on at the same rate that I have begun—the little checks that the cool weather has given me will have this good consequence to make me more careful not to expose myself to any cold weather next winter, but to keep myself in a mild and temperate air for the next twelve months at least—I have not been able to use much exercise on Horseback not being conveniently situated for
that purpose here, but in the country I shall have horses at command—this I think a circumstance much in my favour for exercise being a very principal matter & my mending so much without it gives me a well grounded hope that all my complaints will yield when I take a necessary quantity of it—Temperance, air, exercise with the blessing of heaven will restore me a fit object of my Susans love and where souls like ours are knit together by so firm a bond as ours are, happiness must be the consequence our delights are centered in each other—knowing the little ease that great riches afford—little will satisfy us—ambition nor avarice shall have no resting place with us—but truly inde-
pendant on our little & being virtue for her own sake—looking forward to a blissful change from this to a better life—we will pass our days in ease—our ways shall be the path of peace & content shall make us happy—
I long most ardently to hear from you—I want to know how you are, what
you occupy yourself in, every thing you do is of
the highest consequence to me - but above all
I want to see from your own hand the delightful
sentences - I am easy: contented - my health is
perfectly good - I want but you to make me
happy - charming words - my soul thrilled
but at the thought of them -

I was announced the other day that a
vessel had arrived from New York - instantly
John was sent away to the post office and I
was strangely agitated with the pleasure I expected
but lo! I was disappointed - the vessel had only
passed by New York on her way from some
part of Connecticut

My paper warns me to draw to a
conclusion

You know my sincere good wishes attend
all the family - but I am more anxious about
your father than the rest - present my love, my
respects, my compliments, you know the addresses to
whom these belong - to you my love I present
myself aspiring you that I am your affectionate

Charleston Apr. 3, 1787. John Bean