John Kean to Susan Kean, May 14-15, 1788

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Thus far am I on my way to my beloved soon... Hope to press to my bosom the woman of my heart.

The convention I hope will not detain me more than a fortnight. I have not been to it yet. I am just arrived after being at sea a day & a night on the passage but I am not sensible of any ill consequence.

This day has blessed me with my business letters to the 20th April the joy I feel at hearing of your health & the well being of our son is inexpressible.

We are hard at work from nine in the morning until three or four in the afternoon in the convention which the result will be it is impossible to say — the opposition is considerable. It is the opposition of ignorance & prejudice. For the able & tried men in our government are for it. This gives me hope that we shall accept...
the new constitutions once both country which is made up of Irish & Virginians are mostly opposed to it if the matter was to be decided by the natives of Carolina I imagine we should have it six to one but that mass of heterogeneous matter I cannot answer for the immense debt due by the people of this state has its bad effects also as they are afraid of never more obtaining the interposition of government in favor of the creditor however I have not yet lost all hopes especially as there are now seven States who have acceded.

I never expected much from it nor can I say that I have had much hope since I left Congress as most of my friends left it with me but perhaps it is the best thing that could happen for me not to get the appointment.
The carriage to be sure cannot be equal to a new one if my love does not like it, we will get a new one to bring home with us.

I am sorry you cannot get such a house as you like — but I think we had better continue in lodgings than take a house for twelve months.

I am glad to hear that J.R. will have no objection to holding the property for you. I shall not involve myself at all. I have paid the whole purchase money except $100 feeling & that I shall find no difficulty in paying when it is due.

If J.R. could assist us with the money for his bond or a part of it, I should be well pleased if not, we must try to negotiate his bond so as to make it answer our purposes.

Send you a few roots of the jonquil double & single — they flower with us in December & January — also a few birds — Madame de la Forest.
I find has received those I sent her — she has got a petite fille she informs me —

I find you have delivered my letter to Otto — he speaks feelingly on the subject —

Elliott sails in about ten days for New York & Strong for Philadelphia in one or the other of these, I shall be wafted to my love if the convention will permit —

Make my best kindest remembrance to all the family —

Your desire for young orange trees came too late & no more of the Potatoo powder is to be procured at this season —

Adieu my love —

Kiss your dear little boy — I long to see him very much — but my Susan more —

Heaven bless you —

Yrs. Affec't husband.

Charleston,

May 19, 1838

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