John Kean to Susan Kean, May 27, 1788

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The force of truth has prevailed and the convention of South Carolina have added an eighth pillar to the federal temple—the majority was greater than we at first expected one hundred fifty to seventy three which is more than two to one. I rejoice in this event exceedingly because I believe it will contribute to the happiness tranquility of my country.

Now the first vessel shall waft me to my love & true felicity unalloyed with pain. I hope will be our summers companion.

I shall be quite the idler—nothing to do but to play with your Son and his Mother.

I don’t think your plans of Elizabeth Town will do—the moving of furniture and its consequent destruction—Muskites & can make it an ineligible plan—but more of this when I see you.

We have had three or four days of very cold weather which is extraordinary at this time of the year—this has convinced me that my
Lungs are yet very delicate, as my cough returned with considerable force; however the mild weather removed it. The pulsation in my head still continues, and until it is removed I shall never consider myself as perfectly well.

I shall sail on Thursday in Tinker Hope in ten days to press to my bosom the beloved of my soul.

Adieu my Susan,

Kiss your Son,

Your affectionate husband,

John Kean

Charleston May 27, 1788.
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