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Lewis William Otto to Susan Kean, June 12, 1789

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New York June 12th, 1789.

Your Letter, my dearest Sister, of the 21st May has been extremely welcome as it confirms the information I had already received of your being in good health and perfectly happy. - Having had no opportunity for the enclosed letter I now forward it, and must only add that I have received no farther intelligence from Europe and am therefore unable to say when I shall leave this Country. - I have mentioned to Mr. B... my intention of taking my charming Eliza with me. She opposed it both with tears and arguments and I shall defer taking a final resolution until I am positively informed of the manner and time of my departure. - This circumstance alone, my good Sister, might convince you that I am far from thinking on a second connection
the, I am very sensible of the truth of your observations. Who indeed knows better than I the worth of our beloved Eliza? who can ever represent her as a wife or a mother? her affection for me can never be equalled and I should never have mentioned the report to which I alluded, had I not felt some mortification in being thought so extremely volatile as to forget in one year the most tender and the most endearing of all engagements. You love your husband, let your own heart judge whether such a sudden transition is possible.

Your letters have been forwarded to Elizabethtown, where the whole family is happy and in a constant round of Company. Abyssinia seems to be the Country-seat of Congress and the house is often so full that sofas and carpets must serve as beds. Mrs. R. is so well, that we may expect in a few months a nephew or niece. Mrs. Griffin and family are now settled at Elizabethtown probably.
to wait for good tidings from the source of grace and appointments. Every good man wishes that his expectation may not be frustrated. Applications are numerous and it is supposed that there will not be beds enough for all the guests. — I really am of opinion that Mr. K. is happy to be out of this beastle, which might have injured his health without any material advantage to his interest.

Major Butler and family are arrived, but Mr. Houston is still expected to the great distress of his little wife, who in every respect deserves to be better attended. The Bayards write after you very affectionately, and so does Mr. Delacour who seems to prefer you to all her female acquaintances.

I must again apologise for not writing to Mr. K. — as he probably will read this letter he will find that I wish him every satisfaction and happiness, which with a companion like you, he has the greatest right to expect. — Adieu. Some fond wishes to my nephew.
To Mr. Kean,

Beaufort,

to the care of Mr. Chisholm, merchant,

Charleston.

O. de Sauntes

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