Lewis William Otto to Susan Kean, June 23, 1789

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New York, June 23, 1749.

My good Sister,

I have not wrote you lately, a very long letter. I cannot suffer Mr. Barnwell to depart without some lines from me. Mr. Houston has given us an account of your agreeable situation at Beaufort, and has mentioned amongst other curiosities a pretty room, with a fine prospect, which you were so obliging as to call me to see. I regret very sincerely, my dear Sister, that it was not in my power to pay you a visit, but my stay in America has been and is still uncertain that an easy arrival from France I expect the order to return. Mr. Barnwell is going to-morrow. He is a very agreeable, sensible man and will probably make his appearance again in public life. I got better acquainted with him at Elizabeth-town, whence we returned.
yesterday morning. He will inform you of the present state of the Family which is a very happy one. Little Eliza grows very fast but according to the accounts of Mrs. Houston your little son is much bigger. She is a great favourite with all her acquaintances and Mrs. Barnwell seemed to like her very much. — During his stay at C., he attended the funeral of an unhappy Sister of Mr. Bell, who died with a broken heart after a lingering sickness owing to the infamous conduct of her husband. If this man, who is now in Ireland, has any feeling left, he must be the most wretched of all beings. — You have probably heard before this of the connection of Mr. S. Livingston with Miss E. McEvers. The public mentions since some time a probable match between Miss S. Livingston and Col. Clarkson. I know from experience how fallacious such reports are and I mention this only on account of the
singularity of it. — The President has been very sick for about ten days; he is growing better, but the apprehension of the public for this precious life have not yet been entirely removed.

Many compliments from the March 17th and Count de Moustier. Please to remember me most affectionately to your worthy husband and be assured that you have in the World no better friend than Your good Brother,

L. W. G.