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The changes that we have had since you left me have been very great first to extream [extreme] [heat], then cool then hott + now so cold I have had a fire all day.

I hope my love you do not suffer by them for I make no doubt you have them as well as ourselves_ if the air of the Abyssinia + New York is too keen you had better return I know Peter's breast cannot bear a keen or moist air.

Jacob has been so sick that he has not been able to do any thing the several days therefore Celia is obliged to be my fac totum _ cook _ footman_ valet de chambre &ca she does every thing; by wont undertake to cook for one as long as I live dont chuse [choose] to press the matter_ indeed if she were to request that all her work might be confined merely to cooking I suppose I must submit_

The old houses are begun to be demolished + The foundation of the stable is dug out__

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Eoff was to pay fifteen pounds he has the agreement he must of course continue this year_

There is nothing to ask you Brother but what he thinks the amount of your Fathers Estate will be + when he thinks any division will take place_ Mr. Bancker I suppose can tell you quite as well.

I cannot part with more than our Bank share for furniture, that will be about 500 dols_ this in addition to what we have I suppose will [give] every thing that is absolutely necessary our present stock has served our purpose for seven years + I do not see any great necessity to make any very large additions to it_ it is not politic or convenient for me to appear rich_ common bedstead will answer our purpose as I suppose they will be to be sold in a few years + the loss on them will be less than on Mahogany ones_

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There is a lott offered for sale in Chestnut Street
adjoining Oellers Hotel_ opposite the Play House_ in
the neighbourhood is Mr Clymer, Dickinson + Mrs. Lawrence_
how would you like this situation?

I wrote you Mrs. Pinckney was no more_ I
walked with Mrs Harry as chief mourner + suffered very
much from her extreme agitation_

Franks tell me Mr Willing has consented to
Betseys marrying Jackson_ but he is to
go to Europe first to sell Bingham's
Lands_

My Love to every body_ Bless Peter + take
care of yourself_

Adieu

Yours affectionately

J.K.

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Mrs. Kean

At Mr Ricketts

Near Elizabeth Town

New Jersey