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### John Faucheraud Grimke to John Kean, September 17, 1789

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Charleston. Sept: 17: 1789. -

Dear Maan.

I received your very welcome favour only a day or two ago, altho dated the 4<sup>th</sup> inst: & find thereby that you had not rec<sup>d</sup>: my letter, which I wrote you much I believe about the same time as you were writing to me. you are very obliging to have so much consideration for me, but I have been so indisposed as not to be able to study much this last Summer, so that you would not have interrupted the progress of my Studies by your Correspondence.

I congratulate you again on your appointment & have to assure you that it gives me sensible pleasure in finding you promoted to a post so truly honorable to yourself & in which I am sure you will have an opportunity of displaying your Abilities. but my Friend it is accompanied with such an alloy that my mind is distracted by the divided empire which controls it: the climate of New-York is not congenial to the present

present indisposed habit of Body under which  
you labour. I know that you are not blind to your  
bodily infirmities & therefore with the affection of  
a Friend I take the Liberty of mentioning them to  
you. I did hope that no inducement would have  
carried you to New York this winter, but that  
you would have remained with us until the  
Spring, when you might have gone with less  
apprehension: but I will flatter myself that if  
you do go immediately, that you will return &  
spend the winter here; sure I am that you will  
very easily obtain leave & that ever Mr  
Mear will join with me in promoting this  
much desired Event. My concern for you is  
too great & too sincere not to press this Object  
on you: & her Love too cordial & affectionate  
not to see the propriety of your making the  
mutual Sacrifice of a temporary Separation  
for more durable & express benefits.

you say you have thoughts of sailing  
from Beaufort; I hope not as your accom:

moderation as to a Captain & Vessel are not comparable to what you will have from Charleston: therefore I must entreat you to drop the Idea & come down to us, where you will have a friendly & hospitable Reception & accommodation for yourself & Family during your stay in Charleston: a favor I never could flatter myself of receiving from you whilst in meeting street, as my house was almost too small for my own & consequently much more so for any addition to it. But since I have moved into Orange street, I am enabled to receive my Friends & afford them that temporary convenience, which is so difficult to be obtained in lodgings in our City; come then & assure M<sup>rs</sup> Knan that M<sup>rs</sup> Grinke's sollicitude the favor of her Company, & that she will endeavour to render her Residence in town as agreeable, as the natural impatience which M<sup>rs</sup> K: must feel on this Occasion, will allow. —

P. F. Grumble Sept 17 89 -

This is a request which I must not be denied, unless  
you are so previously engaged, that you cannot  
be released there from. Expecting to hear from you  
again I am My<sup>d</sup> dear your sincere Friend &  
very humble servant.

J. F. Grumble

P.S. having by accident that R. Elliott by whom you  
wrote your 2<sup>d</sup> letter to me was in town, I sent  
to him to know when he was going out again, to  
which he sent me in reply your letter last night  
only; he sent me word at the same time that he  
knew of no opp<sup>y</sup> to be a part; so that I am obliged  
to leave this at Smith, Darrell & Co to be forwarded  
to you. advise tell free you for I do not  
think you will go without giving me that plea-  
-sure. Observe the contents of my letter &  
you can not err. God bless you

Tuesday.