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New York August 99.

My dear Sister -

I sincerely hope Peter has recovered of his fever & cough, I am afraid he staid out too long in the Evening when in Town, but the weather was fine, & Boys must play - I am totally unacquainted with the value of Real property in Philadelphia, but it has doubtless decreased (since our Cities have been visited by value fever) which is also the case here, but not in so great a degree, as there - The better time to sell, I should think to be, the winter, when the fever is almost forgotten, that happened in the Summer previous, & to sell on a long credit, receiving interest & having the property well secured by mortgage. Mr. Shepley says, that by Mr. Hean's Books his Estate appears to be largely indebted to me, which is not the case, and is owing to the Credits which he should have had, not being entered. He supposed there were other Books of Mr. H. at Philadelphia, which were all posted up - but he says he cannot do any thing farther towards settling the account from my books, than what he formerly has -

has done. & I must go over the accounts with him - which
I shall do when I get well enough to ^{attend to any} business - but from my
own recollection Mr. Hean's Estate cannot be any thing
at least considerably indebted to me & I rather am im-
-pressed with an Idea, that I must owe it a ballance
which Mr. Shipman says it owes me, agreeably to my books
in which something may have been omitted. Untill I
get well enough to examine Papers & Accounts, things
must remain as they are - without inconvenience to
either of us - I have not been able to get out of my Room
since you left Town, & my foot remains in the same state
it was two Months ago, except that it is not so painful
at night, altho I have tryed every thing that Hopsack-
Charlton, & Doct^r Delmas, could think of, that they have all
given me up, & God only knows when I shall get better -
The fever rather increases, the moment I get well enough
to be removed either by Land or water, I shall go to Green-
-burgh - where our Children are, who are all perfectly
well & hearty - Mrs. L. says she never saw them look better -
she joins in love to you & Peter, & Mr. & Mrs. R.

I am yours affectionately
L. L.

M^{rs} Susan Hean

D^r Sister

New York 5th Septemb. 1799.

I have not been able to receive my Dividend
on the Bank Shares, & funded Debt belonging to you & me —
due last Quarter, until yesterday, when Mr. Burrall was kind
enough to send a Bank Clerk to my House, with the Dividend
Books to sign — you can either draw on me for what I shall
owe you, or I can place it to your credit in either Bank, I forget
whether I told you that Mr. Jno. Rutledge when last you paid me
9th 50, on your acc^t — I hear that Mr. Burrall was this Day
taken ill, but whether of the prevailing fever I am ignorant —
The fever I am informed certainly increases, & creates much alarm.
People are moving fast — I cannot yet be removed, the moment I
can I shall be off also — Y^r affectionately
P. S.

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1300

Ms Susan Hean
at Elizabeth Town
New Jersey

August
1799

