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### Julia Ursin Niemcewicz and Sarah Sabina Baker to John Kean, February 15, 1831

Julia Ursin Niemcewicz Kean

Sarah Sabina Baker

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Wheat Sheaf Feb<sup>17</sup> 1831

Mon très cher frère

Sachant que tu n'as pas beaucoup

de temps pour écrire tes lettres et que tu es toujours  
content de recevoir des nouvelles de la maison  
je t'adure encore sans <sup>attendre jusqu'à</sup> ce que tu aies répondu  
à ma dernière lettre. Je suis à présent au  
Wheat Sheaf où je ~~se~~ vais passer quelques jours avec maie.  
J'ai passé la journée d'hier chez notre cousine  
Julia qui ainsi que toute sa famille se porte  
à merveille. Elle allait donner un petit souper  
et elle désirait beaucoup que je restasse mais notre  
mère ne trouvait pas que ma sarré fût assez  
forte. Julia Palmer est partie la nuit de dimanche  
à Union et hier ~~et~~ matin elle m'a accompagnée  
à St Ives; elle dit que William se porte beaucoup  
mieux et que sa mère avait reçu une longue  
lettre de lui où il exprime un souhait de  
recevoir de tes nouvelles et de savoir quels progrès  
tu étois à faire dans tes études.

Elise, Christine et notre cousine Rose sont à Usino  
avec notre Grandmère. Monsieur Baker est à New  
York et Maman est ici pour me faire obéir.  
On dit que nous allons avoir quelques soirées en  
honneur de la nouvelle mariée mais le Carême  
commencera demain et alors tu sais les bonnes  
gens seront obligés de jeûner au lieu de faire  
bonne chère -

Il fait tout aussi froid que quand tu étais  
ici de sorte que c'est impossible que je m'amuse  
beaucoup mais j'anticipe tous les plaisirs du printemps.  
N'ayant pas de nouvelles à te dire il faut que  
je finisse ma lettre. Je t'embrasse de tout mon  
cœur et suis ta sœur affectueuse  
Julia W. Hean

As I cannot read what Julia has written my beloved  
son, I may repeat without knowing the same things,  
however I flatter myself any thing from your Mother  
will be interesting to you - She came here yesterday  
after dining with Cousin Peggy & Mr. Anthony Rutgers  
at Usino - Julia I suppose has told you the pleasant

day she passed at Mr. Lawrence's & that they were  
engaged writing Valentines for a party of young  
ladies who were to be with them in the evening  
I informed <sup>you</sup> of the death of our much valued  
friend Dr. Watts, I have since heard the body  
was opened by his Physicians & with his request  
& that the heart, lungs & liver were perfectly  
sound, which leaves us in darkness with regard  
to the disease which terminated his existence  
it is however pronounced misplaced your  
had he lived longer, his life may have been  
prolonged - but we submit to Him who alone  
holds the scales of life & death. - Mr. Boshen  
& myself are going again to Edgerton the day  
after tomorrow, the family then are in the deep-  
-est affliction. - I hope you did view the  
Eclipse it was very beautiful here. - Julia  
wrote you that my worthy friend had purchased  
the house you were so much pleased with in Bond Street  
it is to be finished & delivered in complete order the 1<sup>st</sup> of May  
& I trust you & the rest of us my beloved son are to  
have a great deal of comfort in it. - Many wishes with  
Julia & myself in love to you. I beg you will soon write

To your grandmama, D<sup>r</sup> & W<sup>r</sup> Davis have just  
made us a visit & we are to have the Laurences  
this evening - W<sup>m</sup> Palmer is better & writes rationally  
to his Mother - affectionately your fond Mother  
Sarah L. Baker

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