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Oliviath Town Nov^r. 15th. 1808.

'Tho' firmly persuaded that my love will be with me in the course of one month I write, lest some unforeseen circumstance may arise which will deprive me of the Society I so much desire, I scarcely thought it was possible for me to have supported an absence of 16 Months & now I am in dread lest the War may protract your stay till you are obliged to be put to the inconveniences of a Winters Passage tho' my sufferings may be great, by being longer parted from you, I do not desire you should risk a Winters Voyage. the Dangers of approaching our Coast are terrible, & if I should be the occasion of your suffering ^{the least inconvenience}, I would be truly miserable. I have before written you the mode in which we were spending our Time during the prevalence of that afflicting malady, the yellow Fever, Cap^t & Mrs Armstrong have been with us for eight Weeks with their little girl, who has suffered by the whooping Cough, happily our little black children have escaped it, & my whole Family are free from indisposition.

Our friend Mr Ghan always stays at Mrs Rivers's at the
Point, he continues his attentions to Henrietta on the
Hill, & from the manner in which he is received
I suppose he will form a connexion with the Marquis
Family, he is truly a good Soul, tho he is never for
many minutes content in any one situation, our
House is his Home, he constantly dresses in Peter
Room & we are ^{all} the best possible friends, I should like to
live in a ~~style~~ to make every friend of yours, feel
agreeably at our House; Mrs Bellasizes has been attacked
with a severe Fever, while she was on Long Island, & I
do not think she yet looks perfectly well. All our friends
in the different Dugar Families are well, Mat. & John Fran
grow charming boys; Col. Ogden has lost a fine little boy
Your little Sally Julia is the most insinuating child I
ever met with; she discovers a great fondness for
Music; & her liking is for the plaintive kind, you
have no idea how intelligent this babe is; she says
God Papa very prettily, but it will be a long time
before she will pronounce our Sir name. I can not
my love account for your not receiving more of the
letters I write; but you will be amazed to find that neither

neither Mr Gahn or myself have received a line from
you later than July last and not one article which
you have had the goodness to send has yet arrived, except
those from England, the Furrs I fear will be eaten by the moths.
I always thought it best, that every thing should remain
till you came yourself. I wish very much for some good
Thread Stockings, small Man's size suit me the best, I
can not wear any other kind with pleasure to myself
I wrote too for a knit Shawl of Rabbits Fur or I have seen
some from France which were very comfortable & would
suit me exactly.

We are rejoicing that the yellow ^{Fever} is over,
sustain a great loss of Society by the departure of Capt
Mrs Armstrong & Mr Ghan; the latter I think will
frequently visit E. Town. things are coming on charmingly
I believe on the Hill, & I trust all parties will be much
pleased. Peter does not write by this opportunity but he
wishes me to make his duty & love acceptable to you,
Every day now appears as a Week & the weeks as Months,
Col. Williams's Family will be a great resource to my
love, Peter is going to study Mathematics with him, ^{Col. W.} he
now seems pleased with the idea, & I trust will have clear
ideas of that branch of Science. ~~Our~~ Academy is to be
put upon a more respectable footing than it ever yet
has been, & I hope Peter will not be obliged to be more than
two years absent from us, With best wishes for your health &
happiness I am ever
Your affectionate Wife L. V. Mincewitz

Nov^r 9th: we are all well & together at E. T.
Mrs Prutzgers I have heard is much indisposed

William Brown & Son, No. 107 E. 4th St.

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