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### **Marianne Williams to Susannah Kean, August 23, 1795**

Marianne Williams

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I receive with joy my Dear Mrs Bean, your  
letter which informed me of your safe arrival at Elizabeth  
Town, as I hope from the society of your Friends, & Sister,  
& the pure air you breathe, a change equally beneficial to your  
health, & spirits. — I did not think when we parted in the  
Carrage that I should see you no more, but Mr Petrie  
informed me at Gray's that you were to sleep that night  
at Mr Bradfords, & set off from thence with him in the  
morning & this prevented my calling as I returned. — I am  
afraid you may have suffered some inconvenience from the  
want of your night cloths, they were found in your rooms;  
& I deferred writing in hopes of finding some opportunity  
of sending them; but the dreadful weather we have had  
here, made me a prisoner for almost three weeks, the  
rains were so prodigious as to swell the river beyond  
what has been known before in the memory of man, &  
it has done much damage to Mr Williams as well as others.  
he lost a good deal of hay. —

Those who have many Friends, to whom they are tenderly  
attached are ever exposed like you my Dear Madam  
to have their hearts torn by apprehensions for their safety.  
I sincerely hope your Brother has found benefit rather than  
injury from this Journey, & that he will soon be relieved from  
his sufferings & you from all anxiety on his account.  
it is the lot of all to Taste of Happiness, as well as misery,  
you have had a share no doubt of the one, & I am sure  
you have of the other: but the all powerfull hand of  
time will soften your afflictions, & the delightfull tasks  
to which you mean to devote your future life will be  
a source of intarissable pleasure. you will begin to live  
anew in your dear little boy. you will experience all the  
Joy of which a young heart is susceptible in opening into  
life, & will suffer only from its disappointment, whilst you  
will reap the reward of your exertions, by discovering  
from day to day fresh reason to exult in their success; for  
myself I am sometimes wild with Joy when I discover in

to you

my boys Darnings which I think indicative of a generous  
disposition; indulge then my Dear Madam these delightful  
sensations & I am sure you will soon be able to say that  
you are far from being unhappy. — Both my Boys  
have been ill, they have had the measles. Monday I ventured  
out with them for the first time when I called on  
Mrs Carvainer, in hopes of hearing of you, & knowing how  
I might send your things, she was in town so I have not  
had it in my power to see her since your departure.  
I hope another month will not pass so but Mr Williams  
informed me that your maid called at Mr Bidelle  
going to join you, so that I lose not a moment in  
your packet with this. — You mentioned there having appeared  
some unexpected claims against you & I am anxious to know  
about them as I would fain hope you will not be engaged  
in any troublesome disputes remember me kindly to  
Mrs Picketts & believe me with a hundred kisses to  
Dear Peter ever most sincerely & affectionately yours

23 of August

Marianne Williams

Mrs Williams 1795

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