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### John Faucheraud Grimke to Susan Kean, January 6, 1796

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Charleston. Jan<sup>y</sup> 6. 1796.

Madam.

Your favor from Elizabeth -  
town last August reached me but a few  
days before I set off for the circuit some  
time in October. It gave me much plea-  
sure to find you enjoying a good state  
of health; & that my young friend Peter had  
mended so much in his, as to flatter you  
with the expectation of his Constitution being  
established. As I am sensible from my  
own experience with what transports the  
parental heart beats, on seeing a healthy  
offspring, I embrace the moment with  
pleasure in congratulating you on the  
promising enjoyment, & sincerely hope  
for a long continuance of the same.  
I anticipate Peters improvements

I have no doubt that from your attention & heart-felt desire of his succeeding to the good Qualities of his Father, that you will endeavour so to mould his heart as to sympathize with the unfortunate & to assist the distressed. As to his other acquirements they must necessarily be left to other Instructors, whom I doubt not you have made choice of upon good Recommendations. I prefer I must confess a private Education, where the conduct of those who superintend the education of Children is moral & meritorious: it gives me satisfaction therefore to find that you have placed him under the protection of a Clergyman, who I hope will do him Justice.

I am sure I need not repeat how happy Mr Gump & myself would have been to have seen you, & that we should have been sensibly gratified had your Voyage con-

tributed to yours & Peter's Health: but at the same time that we rejoice there was no occasion for the Voyage, we regret not having the pleasure of your Company, & of giving our Children another opportunity of being intimately acquainted.

If you are desirous of transferring the property in W<sup>ts</sup> Smiths Lands, & of placing it in the Northern funds, you must send a power of attorney to him to sell the stock here & he can very easily at this time of the year buy you a bill and have the money payable to you or your order either in Philadelphia or New-York. if my Services in the transaction of that business should be thought, I request you to consider me as subject to & willing to comply with your Orders.

I know you will kiss Peter for me with Pleasure; My Boys would be happy to treat him with a game of play.

Mr & Mrs G. & myself write in the sincerest good  
wishes for your well fare & happiness & am

Madam, with respect,

Your Obedient Servant

& sincere friend.

J. G. G. G.

Mrs. Keen. —