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### James Ricketts to Susan Kean, May 25, 1795

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Albany June May 25. 1795.

Nothing but the fullest expectation of seeing you yesterday  
my Dear Susan, and answering in person your several in-  
quiries, has been the reason of my not answering your letters  
on that subject immediately. — The house opposite  
Honourable is not to be let. The man says he will sell it after  
it is completely finished, which he cannot do & give possession  
till next April. — I have spoken to M<sup>rs</sup> L. who is much pleased  
with the Idea, and says, she will undertake it with pleasure  
provided she can get a house, which I do not know of at pre-  
sent, the only chance she has, is the house of Mademoiselle  
which is at present uninhabited, but under engagement to  
M<sup>rs</sup> W. Hytton, who I think will not come this season, if so, she  
will be glad to get rid of it, whether can M<sup>rs</sup> L. say, what her  
terms will be, till she knows what rent she must pay for  
the house. — I know of no lodgings in Town at present that  
would suit you — M<sup>rs</sup> B. house is not comfortable enough  
for you. — To be honest you cannot keep a pair for less than  
£70 — a year, every thing is very expensive at present. —

Be assured my Dear Susan, that it will at all times  
give me real pleasure to be of service to you in any way  
you may please to point out; I have always had a great  
friendship for you, and have flattered myself that it was  
reciprocal, command me then my Dear Sister without reserve  
and I will convince you of my sincerity — at my house, if that  
myself, you have always found a home; the same is still at  
you

your service; I beg of you to come to us as soon as you have  
arranged your business; you will then have time to look  
around, and fix in any way you may think proper; your Dear  
Boy can go with Maria, & James, to Miss Gordon, where he will  
be well taken care of — M<sup>rs</sup> Corvair is I feel much interested  
for, offer her my services, and tell her, that I have a room at  
her service, and shall be always happy to see her. — My Mother  
& Dear Children join in love to you, and send many kisses to Dear  
Peter. — I must confess, altho it would be exceedingly inconvenient  
for me to leave home at this time, I am much disappointed  
at not visiting you, which I certainly should have done, had  
I not rec<sup>d</sup> your Dear Wifes letter on Sat<sup>y</sup> last. — The weather is  
cool & pleasant for traveling, and I look with anxious expectation  
for her arrival this day. — That you may enjoy better health,  
and that your Dear Boy may live to be a comfort to you, is  
the sincere Prayer of your affectionate Brother, & sincere  
Friend in

James Nicholls

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