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Julian Niemcewicz to Susan Kean, July 8, 1799

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8 July 1799 in the County near Philadelphia

Your long Silence has made me very uneasy about your health, when I received your letter of 20 of June. I do not know by what accident, it could have remained so long in the post office. Receive my warmest thanks for the concern you take in my behalf, and all the flattering expressions you have been pleased to testify me. Not satisfied to assuage my pains by the interest you take in them, you want also to rise me in my own opinion. Be persuaded dear Madam that to preserve your approbation shall be always my utmost care. It grieves me much to hear you complain of your health, I hope you will neglect no means to restore it, it is your interest & the wish of all your friends. The apprehensions about your Brother's health however natural & congenial with your feelings & attachment to him ought not to prey too much upon you, we should always hope for the better, & entertain that hope prepare for fortitude. I did not explain myself right in my letter when speaking of the smallness of the room, I did not mean the room at Mr Law's was small & uncomfortable in summer, it is very far from that, I spoke of Mr Rivers's room. I received a letter from Mr Law who urges me to come & see him, I think however, I will do better to postpone that visit until November, & spend the time before that in Elizabeth & its vicinity. Mr Mather proposes me very much to stay all that time with him, my desire to see you & my friends in Jersey ~~did~~ not allow me to accept his very polite & obliging invitations, & so I hope to be in ten days or a fortnight with you. I have received no direct letters from home, the fear depresses & makes mute the most natural affections & feelings. I have received a letter from one of my friends who being at Berlin availed himself of the opportunity of Mr Dalman's Brother from Philadelphia being there to write a few words. He mentions the death of some of our common friends

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to the oppression & misery of all others: Mr Zehn went see likewise
& send me an Extract ^{of the letter} of Mr Engeström Swedish Minister at Berlin
my old friend & to whom my Brothers direct themselves when
they want to tell me something, he speaks very bitterly against Russia
laments my unexpected situation, & advises me to stay here, until
Europe is quiet, & so you see my friend there is no great comfort
no promising expectations for me from that quarter of the world, it
seems likewise that by a new settlement of the boundaries amongst
our Juraders, my families property is now under the Prussian Do-
minion. Mr Zehn writes that contrary to his wishes, he is obliged
by the circumstances to remain twelve months more in Europe,
he was to set off for a tour in England, then to Sweden, & Ham-
bourg. I am sorry it happens so, I should like very much to have
him here. I am uneasy about Mr Li bisewski, I did not hear
from him since the 18 of May, the fever raging violently in
the Havanna, his florid & constitutionally activity may expose him
I cherish the Idea he is safe. Mr Elias Dayton return
gives me great joy, I hope he has recruited his health & set
foundations for his fortune sufficiently, not to need any more
of separation. Pray Madame remember me most affectionately
to him, his family, as well as to Mrs & Mr William Dayton
all our friends, & their dear Babys. how is Matt the more
I remained of his polite & engaging manners, the more I am
convinced, that after Governor Bradford, I do not know any
person more of a gentleman than him. I am on a visit
at Mr Sabeliff an English gentleman that came with us in
the same vessel from Europe. I came here last night, stay the day
& return this evening home. He is gone this morning for his mercantile
business to the City, I went to the woods, musing & herborising, I am
now writing.

writing you under a shady piazza, by the melodious noise of a water
mill just by. The more I stay in the country, the more I like it
& hate the cities. I am sorry Mr Baradeau has moved from Elizabeth,
hers & Mrs Masson's departure will prove a great loss for our
Society. My best compliments to Martin Pectus, I do not pretend him
to answer me, but wish him to employ his time conform, to his
improvements, his interest & your Satisfaction. The Sun begins to
reach me, I must retire, but not without beseeching you once
more to take care of your health, not without wishing you
once more all possible happiness & blessings. Believe me Dear
Madame with the greatest respect

Your most obedient
Humble Servant
J. Picard

There are some apprehensions of the fever,
but I think without any foundation
Pray if Mr Faesbe is with you to remember me to him. You see
any new Boarders.

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8 July 1799.

J. W. Muncie

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Mr. Susan Keen

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