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My dear Friend

I was quite agreably surpris'd in seeing yesterday unexpectedly Master Peter, & tho' I had the pleasure of writing you yesterday, I will not suffer to let go with empty hands such good Messenger as Master Peter is. I had not the satisfaction of enjoying much of his Society as I spend the New Years day in the Country with General Gate's, & he in the City with his friends. Flattering myself that you will perhaps my dear friend have some Curiosity to know how I spend my time, I shall was it not but for your amusement give you a Journal of my stay here. The day I arriv'd I dined with general Hamilton, in the evening I went to the Duke of Orleans, & to Mrs Cavaden. The day afterwards until 7 o'clock was spent in procession & ceremonies. I dined very late at Mrs Charche's. The New Years morning was devoted to customary visits on that day I was at Mr Edgar, Mrs Livingston the widow, Mr Brockholst Livingston, Mrs Crosby, Lawrence &c: the day spend at Gl: Gates, the evening at Mrs John Livingston, where I found Mrs Montgomery, then at Miss Murray. To day I shall perform some commissions, to morrow friday, I shall go to take your book from the bank, dine again at Gl: Hamilton's with the Duke of Orleans, then perhaps go to the play. I am invited for Saturday, Sunday & Monday, but I did not promis, & certainly shall be with you long before. General Gates writes you my dear friend I presume some fame but don't know

what it is. He teased me much about you, & is so anxious to see our match accomplish'd, takes so great a concern in it, as my nearest relations could not take a greater one. He told me that about ten days ago he saw General Armstrong, who spoke with great praise of you, & ~~some~~ with some Indifference of me, in a word, he gave us plainly his approbation to it, as Bel:.. did his refusal. I am highly flatter'd with the first, & dispise the last. I reserve some farther chat when we meet, I must now finish being afraid Peter will go away. My best respects to Mrs Dayton & all our friends. My compliments to Mr & Mrs John, I am highly flatter'd with the friendship of those two gentlemen, they are both men of merit, the first possesses I think more wit & sprightliness, but John's judgement is I fancy more mature, he thinks more than he speaks, & what he says is concise and energic. adieu my dear Susan, according my national custom I kiss your hands & wish you all possible happiness.

Your's for ever.

J. R. N..

P.S. Your brother I hear is pretty much in the same situation of health. Miss Murray expect Miss Geddie with the greatest impatience. They love her as if they were gentlemen

If I can do any thing for you my dear friend, let me know it & I shall be very happy to execute your orders.

Date 2? January 1864 — —

Mr Nunewig