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Julian Niemcewicz to Susan Kean, January 1, 1800

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1 January 1860. New York.

My dearest friend,

I can not begin the new year's day in a manner more congenial to my feelings, than by wishing you all possible happiness allotted to man, If it ~~was~~ in my power, believe my Dear Son, you would have nothing to wish for. I came the day of my arrival in time enough, to go to the bank, & deliver your dispatches to Mr. Russell, he told me, he could not get ready with what you desire before the 3rd of the'th on Friday: & so you see, I am not leave the city before. What shall I say you my friend of yesterday's funeral procession, it was awfull & affecting, & performed with more order that could be expected from a savage people. Mr. G. Morris's oration as far as I could hear & understand, concise, pathetic & elegant, his delivery graceful. I shall have it printed for you. Mr. William Dayton whom I perciv'd while walking in procession will tell you all the particulars of that solemn Day. I must only add that Mr. Hamilton proposed me to walk with him; I had very excellent seat in his pew in the church, but before I got there, from eleven till four, I was in my thin new cloth, without any thing more, not even flannel exposed, to cold, beyond all my expectations I feel well, to day, & have the satisfaction to percieve I am not so old I wrote as I thought. I deliver you letters according their respective

Directions.

The Patroon is here, as I recollect my friend had some business with him, I let it know to her, he goes soon to Philadelphia Mrs Montgomery the old lady is likewise in N.Y. All our friends are well & inquired very particularly after you, they were very happy to know you enjoyed good health. I made some Enquire after Mr de Ray, nothing transpires till now, whether he is affected by what paper in Hamburg or not I think my dear friend prudence dictates to withdraw to a place less sleepery & less exposed. Purchase of some property would furnish good pretext for taking ~~on~~ the sum from him without giving him offence. Have you written to Philadelphia about your house. I wish my dear Susan you would. Inform yourself likewise about Chetwoods house, or the farm where Mrs Puting leaves, had I right & titles to make with propriety all those Enquiries, I would have perhaps found out something you would like. I have great many things to tell you when I return, I wish we had a minute for ourselves, when shall we have no minutes, but days & years, don't forget that what some body writes, we waste life, in preparing for life. — I don't know whether you will be able to read my nonsense by my hand, but I think some time it is enough for some body than scorn's to answer you. I am in jest, if it gives you the least trouble don't, but let me know by some way or other you are well, besides I expect to be on Saturday in Eli. rately if nothing occurs. I have seen the Orleans, they received me with great

affection, I give to us mount joy my letter for Europe: The Duke
to him sail in the first packet. The Duke wanted me
to dine with them, but I am already engag'd more, that I
can perform. adieu my dearest friend I am sorry indeed
it happened so that I don't begin the new year the new Century
with you, I hope after so many sufferings, you will be
happier to me than the past was, you see I spare
the pain to tell in flattering terms. adieu my dear Susan,
I told me to call you so, & I feel happy to have that thought
Give my respects to Mr. Daxton & all our friends. My love
to Peter.

Your forever Ill friend

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