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Julian Niemcewicz to Susan Kean, May 7, 1800

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My dear friend

7 Mai Tuesday 5 $\frac{1}{2}$ o'clock in the morning

Far from thinking my dear friend that you are inattentive, I have thousand thanks to give you for your letter & your kind remembrance of me. I am sorry your foot is soar & you are confined to your room, I hope Peter got safe to N.Y. & with time & Mrs Caradine's attentions & friend's help towards you, you will be soon restored to your health & time will not appear long. I have received the seeds by Renaud, I shall have the greatest care, to have them sown in good exposure & good ground. I found only 4 sorts of Stock gillie flowers, but I think that as they were wrapped up in a single paper they got mixed. I have already sown some in the hot bed, as well as Mignonette some in the borders. I consulted the gardener's book. The Silver tignonets have also been planted last evening. I have not received the Creeper roots. To have all these things safe, proper means must be taken to protect them, to fortify your garden against a powerful Coalition that swore its ruin. Men, dogs, Cats, boys &c. The boys are now the most daring, as the ~~the~~ ~~are~~ other species of Mankind stilling it self men will be afterwards. I shall have a lock set to your Coach yard's gate. The large gate must be also mended, & if I get the smallest resistance from home my first care will be to build a wall from the East, a wall like that, which protected China from the Invasion of Tartars. I hope it will be more successful. Mr. Garnet's peas do not succeed as well as we expected, several of the seeds have rotted. the same is the case where ever they have been planted. The beans

come up

very luxurious. The Liner of Beau & Pateber, ^{& Waters melons} took so much room
that only few beds, on the right hand, & the two small Quarters
near the gate remain vacant. It grieves me very much my dear
friend to hear you met with mortifications, I know the more they
come from a ~~body~~ ^{person} that ought to cherish & protect us, they more
they are painful; but the wrong is with the offender. Let us
despise them. Time will soon come my dear friend when all
those mortifications will be over, & our mutual happiness
will repay us amply for them. You are perfectly right when
you ^{say} that it is not much required to make us happy, my wants
& desires are circumscrib'd & I hope you's will also be so. I
shall endeavour to please ^{you} & I flatter myself you will have some
indulgence for me. Pray avail yourself of your staying in the
City to confer & ~~take~~ ask what General Hamilton thinks of
your Carolina business, what is to be done, what is worsted,
& to be mended. Peter took with him a letter for you from that
Quarter. Goudin has been married last evening: nobody invited
but the two families, I mean Elias & William's, and the old
Judge Chitwood. Miss's Rickets returned late in the evening
to her place. Mr & Miss deVaublane set off for Philadelphia
in order to embark for France. I beg you my dearest friend
to continue to write me, & let me know two or three days
before where you are to leave the town, that if you think
proper: that I may come to accompany you home, & have
one day to see you & Mrs Gater. Present my best respects
to our friends.

Mr Coradew & Mr of Miss Church, tell Mrs Coradew that she must
forgive me if I don't write here separately, as Kenic goes
away very soon, & it rains, & I must hurry to the garden
to transplant Colli flowers. I know you are fond of them
with my warmest wishes for your happiness I remain
my dear friend
Yours
J. U. N.

Give my love to Peter.

