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### Gustavus Risberg to Susan Kean, December 25, 1798

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Philada. Dec<sup>r</sup>. 25<sup>th</sup> 1798.

$\frac{108}{5} = 21.6$   
Madam!

On the 13<sup>th</sup> Instant I had just time to procure a draft for One hundred & thirty Dollars, received that morning, which I hope came duly to hand in my letter of the above date. I have now to acknowledge the receipt of your esteemed favor of the 5<sup>th</sup> Instant which is the only letter I have received since my return to the City, and am surprised, that the one by Mrs Holland, should not find its way to me. Mrs Perovani called on me, almost immediately after my return, with your Order for Fifty dollars, when unfortunately I was not in cash to discharge it, at the second presentation, I had it in my power to make the advance. We are now, as you are pleased to observe, enjoying ourselves at our Fire Side, but too much apprehension is still entertained, that the return of the

warm Season, will bring back our destructive enemy.  
Our Legislatures are in Session and it is expected they  
will adopt every prudent measure to prevent its return,  
the time however that is requisite to carry their salutary  
aid into effect, will, in the opinion of most People, be  
too short for a remedie. This uncertainty therefore  
injures every kind of Business, and operates considerably  
against holders of Estates by lessening their value, I  
agree therefore with you Madam, that it would have  
been better to have accepted B. M. Morris's offer for your  
Sons Estate, than to let it lay in its present situation,  
his offer was £ 85.  $\phi$  annum clear of Taxes which at  
that time appeared too much under the Testators  
intentions, should you however from the present  
unfavorable prospect consent to accept that price,  
means can be found, by an indirect mode, to convey  
to him this determination, as it is very probable, that  
he yet wishes to become a purchaser. In May  
last this House changed its Tenant and it now rents  
for £ 30  $\phi$  annum - its shattered state does not render  
it a desirable Object and in a few Years it will be

untenable & Mr. Tilghman has these six  
Weeks past been so much occupied in attending Court,  
that the Business with Mr. Meade has not been acted  
upon since our return - I am however assiduous about  
its termination & call frequently on Mr. T. for that purpose.

The Insurance Compy is likely to make a good  
dividend in January & the Bk Shares will draw their  
usual profit - The Turnpike Shares will be unproduc-  
tive tho' likely to do well in the course of a Year or 6  
perhaps less - The Shares in the N. A. Land Company  
are of no value and doubtful if ever they will, as a  
considerable part of the good Land is mortgag'd  
doubt must be sold to satisfy it &c

I have enquired after Mrs. Rincker & find she  
has taken leave of this World - Mr. Simpson cannot  
tel me when this event took place, but was only  
lately informed thereof &c Permit me Madam

to make you my Congratulations at the return of the  
present Season, with my best wishes for your health  
& prosperity, as well as that of your Son, to whom I beg  
to be remembered, having the honor to remain very  
respectfully  
Madam  
Your Obedt Servant  
Gust. Risberg

P.S. I have Selected a Weekly publication called the *Devere* for  
the amusement of Master Peter, which is clear from all political  
discussion, & expect some have come to hand — the price is  
\$2 p annum

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PAID  
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to Mrs Susan Mean

to the care of Mr Dryden

at Elizabeth Town  
in Mail

Date Dec 25th. 1798  
Dec 28th. No sheets  
No. 10 in Wallnut Street