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### Mary Livingston to Susan Kean, January 3, 1799

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New York Jan<sup>y</sup> 5 1799

How much I am obliged to you my dear Aunt, for your kind letter which I received this morning, and for the permission which you give me to write to you often, which has quite charmed me, it is a favour which I could not presume to ask, but, as you have been kind enough to grant it, I shall improve it, as I am certain of deriving a great advantage from your letters.

I had yesterday the pleasure of spending the day at Mr. Church's, She has frequently invited me to pass the day, but yesterday sent for me. Eliza, Maria, and myself went in the evening to Miss Vandenberg's where we were engaged some days before. we passed the evening very agreeably. Mama joins me in love to you and Peter, and in wishing each of you many happy returns

of this Season: be so kind as to give our compliments to  
Mrs Dayton and all our friends. believe me, my  
Dear Aunt your affectionate Niece,

Mary Alexander Livingston

P.S. faites moi le plaisir ma chere tante, de prier mon  
cousin Peter de m'écrire une petite lettre en François,  
cela nous donnera à l'un et à l'autre beaucoup de facilité  
dans cette langue et je serai bien flattée d'avoir un  
correspondant aussi aimable.

Mary Alexander Livingston