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Jessey Perovany to Susan Kean, October 25, 1799

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German Town Feb^r 25 1799

Dearest Madam,

Nothing more noble, nothing more generous, nothing more humane than the contents of your letter. My heart overflows with gratitude and the companion of my sorrows is struck with admiration. He kissed your letter over and over, offered up a thousand prayers to heaven in your behalf while tears of joy and gratitude trickled down his cheeks. It is needless, it is impossible to undertake to give a description of all the different sentiments your most kind letter excited altho' surprise was not one of them. I was sure you would assist me and shall I say that that alone prevented me from letting you know my afflictions sooner? I trembled to excite your sensibility. I was afraid of abusing your goodness. I have already told Mrs Blair your intentions. indeed I could not hold my

my tongue and I would certainly have written the
same day had I not intended to offer my thanks
in person. but the state ^{of} Perovany's health
does not admit of my leaving him so soon as
I expected. I am therefore obliged to address you
in writing much against my inclination.

I am charmed to hear of the improve-
ment of your dear ~~winter~~ boy. I too will soon
be a mother. what a ~~trough~~ prospect in my situa-
tion! I cannot communicate my plans for the
winter for I have none. they depend much upon
a gentleman who is expected every day from
Virginia. however I am afraid that cruel necessity
will force us ~~alike~~ altho' I endeavor to conceal
such ideas from P. I find it is the only way
of reestablishing his health. as for my self I will
set my face to the storm and submit if possible
to the will of heaven who has hitherto given
me health and strength to support it's vengeance.

As to Hosiusko, I can give you very
little information about him. his sudden and
abrupt departure astonished every body. and I

believe his friend was as ignorant of it as my
self and I presumed there was much less friend-
ship between them than then appeared to be
when they were at Elizabeth Town. I
think N. is truly to be pitied. upon acquaintance
my admiration for him increased while I
excited quite different sentiments. how he
has obtained the reputation of a great man
is to me wonderful.

I thank you for all the information
you have given me and it is extremely
precious considering your antipathy for writing
and I esteem it as no small proof of your
friendship. I hope to see the day when I shall
be able to convince you and the world that I am
not ungrateful. I have brilliant prospects in view
but they are distant. they may be clouded, and they
may vanish. I am afraid of flattering my self. I
shall do it no more. Give dear Peter a kiss
for I am charmed to hear he gives you satisfaction
may he enjoy health and ^{my} his little heart.
be as tender as his mother's and as sound as his
father's and he will always insure to himself a
certain portion of happiness. P. insists this time
upon kissing both hands and feet and shedding
tears on them

^{Mrs Perovance}
however I will not fail to go every day till
I receive your ~~to~~ godlike boon. adieu dearest
and best of women. heaven has already blessed you
in giving ^{you} the heart and means of helping others. yours most
gratefully Perovance

Wm J. Kern
Jacobeth Kern
New Jersey

My address is simply German Town there
is a post office fixed here but I will go every
I believe it will cease the end of next week