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Jessey Perovany to Susan Kean, April 1, 1799

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Philadelphia April 1st

Dear Madam and friend,

How surprised you would be not to hear from me by Mr. Neimecewitz, yet no. methinks I hear you ^{say} why should I be astonished? it is of a piece with the rest of her conduct. I who then seldom or ever went out was so unfortunate as to be out both times ~~at~~ when Mr. Neimecewitz honored me with his visits. but what cuts me to the heart is that he expressed himself to the servant as thinking I denied my self. heavens! how it grieved me. you know how much I esteem him and what a high opinion I have of his merit besides he be unfortunate which to me would almost supply its place. Pray I make my peace with him. tell him the first time I he called I had just gone out for a few minutes upon urgent business when I returned he ~~was~~ had just left the door and I expected to ^{see} him no more as he told the girl it would not be in his power to call again. be so kind dear madam as to present my compliments to him and that he will be will have a better opinion of me and that I shall expect to see him

when he returns to Philadelphia.

Next month and I shall leave the
Continent, and perhaps forever and it will
be utterly impossible for me to see you before
I go. Heavenly powers! I cannot support
the thought. What! perhaps never see
you more. it is too much, I cannot write
yet I must or perhaps I shall never be
able to write again. I expect to become
a mother hourly and I wait the awful
event trembling. O! what a coward I am I
really shudder at the idea. the reality will
~~strongly~~ overpower me. every night I
dream I have my dear babe in my arms
O if heavens preserves it and like its
father I shall think my self worth mil-
lions. now I shall be able to sympa-
thize with you and enter into all your
feelings. O! that I could see you O! that
I could speak with you. my dear friend
Peter, how is he? god bless him. give him
many kisses for me and tell him I shall
write to him from the Havana and
tell him all about the Spaniards. alas
I am going to a country where I shall
never hear English spoken. where every
thing will be strange and where I shall

only see Dons and Donnas.

Perovany after a happy voyage
has arrived safe at his destined port
where he has been received to the utmost
of his wishes. How much I am already in-
debted to Spain. how strange events come
around! I wish you knew our friend
but then you would not see him with my
eyes.

May 1

How strange already has a month elapsed
since I wrote this and yet not sent. how ridiculous,
how unpardonable! but I have now a excuse than
ever, I was tanned in labour. I have a very stout
boy who has already got over the small pad and
he is now sucking ^{me} while I write. I received
a letter from his father a few days ago
desires his best respects to you and most
grateful thanks and that your goodness shall
never be forgotten. you may depend that that
the money shall be remitted a very short
time after I get established. I hope my
dear young friend Peter increases in wisdom and
strength as he does in years and stature.
I give him many kisses for me. I am forced to
be brief for my little is troublesome adieu.
and my heaven for ever bless you. yours forever
I received the gown
what a neglect
J Perovany

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