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Jessey Perovany to Susan Kean, May 16, 1800

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Dear Madam

I am so pleased and flattered
with every testimony of your friendship
that my first words will always be to
thank you and the second to solicit a
continuance of your favors. I hope my dear young
friend Peter is well and that he makes
great progress in his studies. I rejoice
that Mr Barneby Barbetto returns
to Elisabeth Sawn it will ^{be} an aid
to him. whatever the generality of people
think of dancing I think it is a very
necessary ~~part~~ ^{branch} of education both
for gracefulness and health. as for Latin
I only wish I knew it and am sure that
every lover of literature would not part with
it for gold the god of this lower world.

but if you see that study injures his delicate
frame for humanity's ^{sake}, let him run about
and about in my opinion being abroad
in the open air will lay a greater
fund of happiness for the dear little
fellow than all the learning of a
Newton. do then dear madam study
his health and let every thing else be
secondary. oh you know the root from
whence he sprung was not sound and
^{nothing} but proper care can give ^{him} a sound constitution
better were it he had never been born
if he enjoys not health. poor little
dear I wish I had him here to kiss him
to give many for me tell him I shall
always love him and shall pray to
god to make him ^{happy} which is a
sure way of being happy. poor Mamma
wonders I dont write to any body but you
it so moved ^{me} I had a good mind to write
to her but my indignation rises and forbids

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