

**Nathanael Greene to Catherine Greene**

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Autograph letter signed, 2 pages.

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Camp Croton River Westchester County

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I receiv<sup>d</sup> your agreeable letter of the 8th of this instant yesterday in the morning.

I am very sorry to find you unwell, why did you ride in the Night – What was your hurry – why did you expose your self unnecessarily; and risque any disagreeable consequences that might follow.

Sensible of your anxiety, and desirous of giving you the earliest information after the battle of Monmouth I sent of an express to Faith Kill with a line to Col Hoy desiring him to forward your Letter by the first opportunity; which I hope you have received long before this.

You express a strong desire to get the Army on the Eastside of the North River and urge you have political as well as private reasons for it. Your private reasons I can interpret, but your Political one I cannot devise

You may rest assured that there must be something very uncommon to prevent my coming home, you cannot have a greater desire to see me than I have you and the Children.

I long to hear the little rougues prattle. Besides which there are many other matters that I want to settle.

You write you are politely treated at Boston I am exceeding happy to hear it. They cannot flatter me more agreeably than by their respect to you

[2] What we love we wish to be regarded; and our partiality leads us to wish that others should feel the same attachment with our selves. and where ever we find it, it produces an agreeable train of sensation.

You are envious then I find, why so Caty are there others more happy than you, are there not other less so. Look around you my dear and see where there are not many whose condition and prosperity are for less ellgible than yours.

It has ever been my study and ever shall be, to render you as happy or possible. But I have been obliged in many instances to sacrifice the present pleasures to our future hopes. This I am sensible has done violence to your feelings at the time but I trust the motives were \_\_\_ laudable and the consequences will be so solitary that I shall meet with no difficulty in obtaining your forgiveness hereafter.

Altho I have been absent from you, I have not been inconstant in love, unfaithful to my vows, or unjust by our bed. Considering myself equally secure in your affection and fidelity I have presumed upon greater indulgences than common [*text loss*] your own [*text loss*] can witness for me.

At the close of the war I flatter my self I shall be able to return to your Arms, with the same unspotted love and affection, as I took the field. Infected with the Pomp and parade Of Public Life, I shall doubly relish domestic ~~life~~ pleasures. To please ~~to~~ my Love and educate my Children will be a most happy employment

My fortune will be small but I trust by good economy we may  
live respectably-