

Draft of a letter from Lucy Knox to Henry Knox, January 1777 (The Gilder Lehrman Institute of American History, GLC02437.00512)

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Transcript

[a draft of a Lucy Knox letter to Henry Knox]

I am sick at heart low spirited and almost indifferent whether I live or die had I no friends I suppose I should not take it so hard but when I reflect that I have a [illegible] father and a mother – sisters and Brother, and yet am this poor neglected thing I cannot bear it. do [illegible] I love you. I underwent almost every distress for the sake of being yours - and you forsake me - my poor dear father I must never see again - when I reflect upon his excessive tenderness for me when a child - upon the thousand times he has helped me and prayed god to make me the comfort of his age - I am half distressed and yet believe me dear Harry I cheerfully [remain] this best of partners and would do it again and again to live to be with you - but this you refuse me. I have been confined to my room almost a week have been alone most time and have given myself up to the Horror of my situation.