

Washington 13 January 1839

My dear Sir,

I have not heard from Elisabeth since I left you, and know not whether she is in Lancaster or Philadelphia. Should she still be in Philadelphia, please to tell her that her Aunt Lane was somewhat better on the tenth, when I last heard of her. She is confined to her room; but is able to set up occasionally through the day. James Lane was in Mercersburg at the date of the letter.

When will you pay us a visit here? I shall be very glad to see you & feel confident you could pass a week or two with us agreeably & usefully. Please to write to me & fix the time and I shall have every thing ready for you accommodation.

Remember me kindly to your mother, sister & the young ladies & thank them in my name for the interest & attention they have bestowed upon my orphan niece.

From your friend

Very respectfully

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