

Philadelphia
Friday

My own Darling

Bless your dear heart how I wish I were with you this nasty morning – for it is dull & gloomy tho’ I do not feel so myself - I have finished nearly all my business here & after paying a few more visits for I have a great many friends here having passed there [sic] years of my valuable life in Phila I shall pack up my “traps” to morrow after noon & go out to spend a quiet Sunday in the Country with my good Uncle Edward. I have been very pleasantly fixed here with my good friend Sam Pleasant in Walnut St above 11th where he keeps a sort of bachelors hall – I spent this evening & dined with my old law preceptor [sic] Judge Cadwalader yesterday evening. It seems so strange to me to be staying here in Phila again – I often think how different my life would have been if I had never left it – I have so much to be thankful to that Washington sojourn – how these two years will leave their impress [sic] upon my whole career – it has been of so great advantage to me from an unknown boy it has given me a good position in the world & surrounded me by friends & given me something still better! I saw your dear Mama yesterday – she is so much improved, she was as gay as a lark & doing some needle work just as of old – she says she has not felt so well since she left Annapolis. I hope you received my long letter of yesterday. I shall be in New York on Monday afternoon where I hope to find a couple of your dear letters awaiting me- [?] I find there?

I have nothing new – Goodbye

God bless you my dearest

Your devoted

JBH

