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My Dear Friend

French Church March 11. 1837

I have long been expecting a letter from you but alas! there is none! Come - I may now say as to the old saying - your letters are like "angel visits few and far between", but Hope is the consolation of many, so I may justly call myself one of that number - and therefore hope that you have not forgotten me entirely and will embrace the first opportunity of writing to me a long letter.

Mr. Douglas returned from Connecticut on the 9th inst. he expected to be here before the first of the month - but unfortunately was confined in Phil^a with a sore throat or Quinsey. He has now however completely recovered, he started this afternoon for Easton, and expects to return in two or three days. I presume you have heard that he is appointed Chief Engineer of the Belvidere & Saratoga Rail Road, he has however only engaged to explore and locate it, after which it is thought Mr. Rodgers will take charge, who is now on the Route. The Charter for the Wilkesbarr Rail Road has passed, or at least so near there are no doubts of its passing. It is however expected that the Schuylk Comp. will not accept of the Charter, with the amendments put to it by G. L. Ingham Esq. unless they were altered before it passed, of this we have I believe no official returns - the amendments spoken of are these. The Legislature to have power to establish or reestablish the rates of toll on the Schuylk Canal - I need not enter into detail about this matter, the Schuylk has works &c. as I have no doubt Mr. Douglas has given you

an account of all - I will merely state that in the
time that he was absent - Matters and things went on
about as usual - within the week or ten days past
we have had a number of Rain storms (being the first
since last fall, which caused the River to raise a good
deal the water was so high yesterday, that it run
over the Crib (about the head of the Lock opposite our place)
nearly a foot in depth, it did not do much or any
mischief on the Sins, as the ice was so thick in the
Pools it did not break it up, but is gradually
wearing off, so that there is no danger apprehended
of its doing any injury.

Mr Douglas and myself went up
the line yesterday and came to a place where the water
had washed out the Embankt. of the R. Road on our return
we found our Friend "Louta" and Capt. Jenkins there
with a party of men repairing the breach, the
"young imp Beaver", did scarcely as much as look
at us - but we passed him on as we do the Idol wind
which we regard not. I have also seen him lately at
Beaver Meadow, a small party of us went to that
place on a sleighing excursion, I passed him on
Mr Wilson Porch, so that we nearly touched, neither
of us scarcely looked at each other! there were the
"friendly" Compliments that passed between us. -

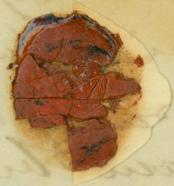
We have had excellent sleighing this winter which lasted
until about 10 days ago. there is yet more than
a foot in depth of snow in the main roads, we have
used the snow pretty well too, having a sleighing party
occasionally - we had one party to Fellsville, there were

Seven couple of us viz, Mahlon Ash & Miss Masten
Mr Butler & Sister Juliet, Brother Conrad & Miss
Lippincott, Jonathan Simpson & Miss Jackson
Mr Baldwin & Miss Sayre, Erwin Blakelee & Sister, and
Mr "Myself" and ah! thus the Rev. Swivel says so
much of Chic^o Lady who had came to make a visit
and staid with her friends during the winter, we started
from this place on a Tuesday at about 2 o'clock P.M.
with the intention of going to Samagua and return
the same evening, but when we Colts get away from
Home we most always get a flea in our ears, so we
concluded upon staying that night, and on the next
morning started for Pottsville, and did not return
the 3d day after we started (the Parents of the Lad
at would be natural on such an occasion) were in
a great uproar about us, they not knowing where we
went, or what become of us. If I were or could enu-
merate all the transactions relating to the party it
would fill an interesting volume - we had also
a party to the Gap, at this party there were 13 couple
I went to Easton about 6 weeks ago, Brother Conrad
accompanied me back, he staid with us about a
week or ten days and then returned, he came
back to day, he intends building a store & going into
business here he has purchased a lot opposite the Cos.
"Sanctum Sanctorum", on which he intends erecting the
Store House, which is to be made City fashion, the front
to be all windows and doors. I have written to our
Friend Mr Reynolds about a week ago, and expect an
answer soon. I think you can infer from the above

that I am not quite so shy of the girls as I used
to be — I hope that ^{your father may enjoy} recovery from his illness and
then may have the pleasure of seeing you here — as my
letter is getting long and of such a nature that it
will take you a days age to read it — I must conclude
hoping the next one may be more interesting and
satisfactory to you, I will however say one thing
more. I suspect Mr D. gave you an account of us

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A
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Puri Engineer
Dartford Conn.
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all — I would ask this a favour — whether it was a good
one — Your friends beg to be remembered sending their
best love & respects to you, of which reserve a good share
for myself — And remaining your ever true friend
Geo. Linsmey Jr

Remember me to Mrs Douglas Mr Sester, and Mr Reynolds
when you write to him