

we experience when parting from near and dear friends but this life is made up of partings and meetings what joy to meet to part no more. yet how little enjoy we display to obtain a place in those realms of bliss where all are happy why I asked "I had been in Bucks Co before and if I had not been happy it was odd that I should expect to find it more -- and again "you would like me to have heard Carolines music without wishing me such ill luck as to be there" let me tell you the music would have been sufficient to repay for spending an evening in your society does that compliment suit you forgive me Margaret - but when I read such sentences the pain is almost as great as the pleasure of perusing the remainder of the letter I left you it is true of my own accord but I do not think the less of you and even

the saying "a bad beginning makes a good end" I shall therefore commence with scolding hoping better will come after. I must refer to your letter you say, "one in pursuit of happiness the other to seek pleasure for a season" if you remember rightly my words on that subject were "I never had been happy, and if I only found contentment which I sought in this world it was all I asked" I had been in Bucks Co before and if I had not been happy it was odd that I should expect to find it more -- and again "you would like me to have heard Carolines music without wishing me such ill luck as to be there" let me tell you the music would have been sufficient to repay for spending an evening in your society does that compliment suit you forgive me Margaret - but when I read such sentences the pain is almost as great as the pleasure of perusing the remainder of the letter I left you it is true of my own accord but I do not think the less of you and even

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Yours Truly
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if I have not so high a place in your estimation I think we will both find that it is for the best (my leaving I mean) but last not least in the scolding list comes the thought what does Margaret mean? "if you are still Eliza C." are my actions so like a maniac? that any one would for a minute suppose my mind my reason deranged? - I believe that I am Eliza C yet I have not changed my name and should I feel inclined to I hope never while life lasts to cease to be interested in you or any others of my friends at any rate. I refused to accompany Uncle & Aunt Sarah & Henry to spend the evening with Mrs Shive preferring to stay at home and write to you and I cannot go with such company every day for I seldom if ever have the opportunity to go with Aunt you may therefore know that I think some of you but my sheet will be filled before I am aware of it at this rate you will ~~be~~ with me dear coz. if I have written any thing to displease you I am willing to attribute to your numerous duties and your mingled ideas all ^{that was} disagreeable to me let us both forgive (if we have any thing to forgive) and be more charitable in future striving to improve ourselves thereby improving each other. I am pleased to hear you enjoyed your visit to the Plains as much as former ones Mr O does not appear to be the general bean is he older than he used to be? or are the other Gent's more more snore ^{farmer} - ting? My love to your dear Sister also to Caroline & family My best respects to Mr R Tweed we would be pleased to see him particularly if accompanied by you I am glad to hear you devote as much of your time as possible to

him hoping that will in a measure alleviate his pain at my absence continue to do so dear M as a favour to me, long as you feel inclined for I believe him worthy of your friendship. I must inform you of our society Captain Dutch's family ~~is~~ out here and there is a young couple (he is eighteen his wife younger still) boarding at Mumbowers at Steamtown by the name of Hardearer. one night about three weeks ago we were awakened by music the flute guitar and singing after running about the house peeping out of one window and another a light was brought and Uncle invited the serenaders in it proved to be Mr George Dutch and Mr Hardearer they sat awhile and talked with Uncle (we dressed but would not go in the room because Uncle had nothing but shirt pants and slippers on) and they departed. the next week Mr & Mrs H. came and took tea with us a day or two after they Mrs H. and Rosamond called and Mr H. & George was to stop for them they did but it was late the three stayed to tea while George went home to inform Pa & Ma of their whereabouts. She took tea with Mrs H. on Thursday last and that is about all of our intimacy the next news I expect to hear they have all gone to ^{town} and thus will end our friendship My love to your Pa and tell him I have not seen that dutchman in three whole weeks ^{but} hope to see him soon he was well. ask him if he remembers I am to be Grooms maid when that long looked for time comes I have not if he has. Our visitors leave here this morning but "strong is the omen in me, hours we part to meet again" perhaps not in this world what singular sensation

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