

RUSH, Dr. Benjamin. A.L.(signature cut off) to his wife, Julia Rush
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My dearest Julia

Philad^a March 12th 81--
Mond. Even^g

Mr Lawrence having with his usual politeness sent to me yesterday to know if I had any commands to Princeton I requested him to carry the things you wrote for. This favor was granted with that air of goodness which is peculiar to our friend. The Boy must not be neglected. A few dollars will satisfy him. Abram in the meanwhile will be profitably employed in carrying out manure to our farm.

The negro man to whom I had let the farm having disappointed me, Joseph renewed his application for it. I found he was resolved to leave us at any rate (having distant & proper views in life) I cheerfully gave it to him upon the Shares. He took possession of it on Saturday with his beloved Rachel. They are both delighted with it, and have done a good deal already towards making a garden. Mr. Morris assists him with his advice (a piece of the letter cut away here) ...husbandry. The 25 acres adjoining...not paid for. One half of...Indian Corn. If we not...Summer, I think we may now promise ourselves a clean room-- a comfortable dish of tea--and cheerful attendance every time we visit the Rocks.

You say nothing about your health. Are you perfectly recovered? My anxiety for you is great. When shall I send for you? The longer I live with you, the more distressed I feel at our occasional separations. I would not be an Ambassador at the first Court in Europe to be parted from you for six months. I can only feel properly for your dear Mama, when I view her loss thro' the medium of my affection for you.

The Children are well. Amelia thrives. Jack as great a rake as ever. Susan Boudinot sends love to you and all

Abram waits to carry the things, and this letter to Mr. Lawrence's. Adieu. My whole soul flows thro' my pen while I add once more adieu thou dear girl of my heart.

P.S. Tenderest love and Sympathy as usual to your Mama & all the family. I have spared you a few dollars for spending money. Out of blast.

Address leaf:

Mrs. Rush

at

Morven

near Princeton