

Reshamah b. Finch

Bemington
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by
M.A.

Bemington

Say April 27th 1829

Katharine

It would be useless for me to attempt to describe to your understanding, the Anxiety we feel or the deep Interest we take in your absence for your welfare for it can only be understood or realized by that paternal Sensibility which ever watches with an Argus Eye over the pledges of early Love, and was it not that you are in charge of Friends and Relations in whom we have the Greatest cause to repose the most implicit confidence our anxiety would be doubly Increased but Remember that In thousand Instances the Anxiety and example of dotting Parents together with the best Council of Friends has all been Insufficient to prevent the tender Bark of the subject of their Anxiety example and Council from being wrecked on the Rocks of seduction and in one unguarded moment the Parents hope and the pleasing expectations of a Large circle of Friends blighted forever what perhaps you may enquire, can be the austere cause, believing that you possess a sufficient degree of Fortitude and Skill to steer your bark clear of this dangerous coast, in answer to the enquiry for the cause

Katharine, that this Rock Lies concealed on the coast of erectibility and that it is by reposing too much confidence in the False decleration of man that thousands of your sex at your eyes have been seduced Ruined and turned out Vagabonds upon the World without Friends or Reputation to sustain or console them, And as to your own Fortitude or Skill be not too excludious

but Remember that a Vessel is never considered safe even with her experienced Master on board when nearing a coast or harbour without a skilful Pilot on board therefore surrender the helm of your Reputation to the hands of your more skilful Friends and I will Under write for the safe Mooring of your every Bark if guided by the skill of your Aunt Susan assisted by the equally skilful if not as much experienced Cousin Saviour, I shall continue the subject when I have more Leisure, in the mean time Remember that it is easier preventing and evil than preserving a Remedy is one of the precepts of your Father and Mother

Love & Martha Finch

P.S. Permelia can inform you of our health and welfare and present our compliment to all our Friends I shall soon see them or write to them

J. Finch

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Letter addressed to Ruhamah (or Reuhamah) C. Finch Bennington VT
Dated April 27 1829 from her father and mother, obviously worried about her
She's just 18 years old and is away from home in Bennington Vt perhaps
~~teaching?~~ (my guess)
Visiting

Jay April 27th 1829

Katherine

It would be useful for me to attempt to describe to your understanding the anxiety we feel on the deep interest we take in your absence for your welfare for it can only be understood or realized by that Paternal sensibility which ever watches with an Argus eye over the pledges of early _____, and was it not that you are now in _____ of Friends and Relatives in whom we have the greatest cause to repose? the most infinite confidence our anxiety would be doubly increased but remember that _____ and instances the anxiety and example of doting Parents together with the best council of Friends has all been insufficient to prevent the under _____ of the subject of their anxiety example and council from being wreck'd on the Rocks of seduction and in one unguarded moment the Parents hope and the pleading? expectations of a large circle of friends Blighted? forever What perhaps you may enquire could be the austensible cause, believing that you possess a sufficient degree of Fortitude and skill to steer your bark clear of this dangerous coast. In answer for the enquiry to the cause Katherine, that this Rock lies concealed on the coast of credulity? And that it is by _____ing too much confidence in the false declarations of man that thousands of your sex at your age have been seduced, ruined and turned out vagabonds upon the World without Friends or Reputation to sustain or console them, and as to your own Fortitudes or skill be not too credulous

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Isaac & Martha Finch

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