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[letter addressed to "Mrs Ann Green Washington Ky mail}"; postmarked "PHILADA Pa SEP 7
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My Dear Wife:

Could you, without my knowing it, have wittriped
[witnessed] the change in my countenane [countenance] upon the ricept [receipt] of your letter,
which came to hand this evening, you would never in future I am sure; question the sincerity, the
ardour of my love. For laugh as you will at my superstition, since my dream at Wheeling, Sad
and Melancholly [Melancholy] have I been, until I received the pleasing inteligence [intelligence]
under your own hand that you are well. Since then I have scarcely met an acquaintance who has
not inquired the cause of the change in my appearance and in truth it made my heart feel many a
pound lighter. I am truly gratified you treated our friend the Captain as you did upon the evening
of the circus, and hope you have determined in future to recieve [receive] no attention from his
farther than the most common place civility, and even that with such indifferane [indifference] as
to Shew [Show] him you only deem him an acquaintance, and not a friend.

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You say Mrs Lee complimented you upon the improvements in your appearance since your
marriage. Have I not frequently told you that you were growing prettier every day? I expect Mr
Wood will take you all more by surprise than he did last Spring for if he has a quick trip home he
will make the trip in two weeks. You charge me to return as soon as posible [possible], he
assured I shall most cheefully [cheerfully] obey that charge, but I shall not be able to leave here
before thursday evening at the verry [very] soonest, and as the river is getting low, it will
probably take me a week to get home, and should I return by the canal which I think of doing it
may take me a day longer than I have said above. I have made a daily visit to see your watch,

which has been at the jeweler's ever since I got here, and never have seen it without recollecting that it has been worn near the heart of her my soul holds dearer than all the world besides and one whom [whose] happiness [happiness] shall be my sole care, whose every wish as far as it is in my power shall be gratified. My respects to all our friends and Miss [Miss] Sally in particular.

“For ever thine:

John Green