My dearest friend,

Your letter put an end to the inequality that your longevity had caused me. I am glad that I will remember you in my prays, and with reason for you will not do anything but the pleasure of my friends. I have not seen my friends of America to render any assistance unless to be envied by the happiest. I see that they are often more unfortunate than the rest of their subjects. I have seen the king of the queen but at too great a distance to judge if they are like their pictures in Philadelphia. We had a lively passage on the ship in a beautiful new ship that had made the voyage before. There were only six passengers all of whom Papa knew, and a fine, sunny, mild weather all the way with a sea which was no calm sea. I would have no objection at making another voyage if I could be sure it would be as agreeable as the first. We landed in England where we remained a very short stay. The day we left it we got off at six o'clock in the evening and arrived in France at 7 the next morning. I cannot say that this voyage was as agreeable as the first. It was as much shorter. It rained.
violently and the sea was exceedingly rough
all the time. I was almost as sick as the first
time, when I was sick two days. The cabane
was not more than three feet wide; about four
long; there was no other furniture than an old
bench which was fast to the wall. The door by
which we came in at was so little that one was
obliged to enter on all fours. There were two little
holes on the side of the cabane. The way to our beds,
which were composed of two boxes; a couple of candles
without either bed or mattress so that I was obliged
to sleep in my clothes; there being no window in
the cabane we were obliged to stay in the dark
for fear of the rains coming in if we opened the door.
I fear we should have frozen actually, at our
arrivel, for papa spoke very little French and I
got no word if an Irish gentleman, an entire
stranger to us, who was our embassador, had not
been so good as to conduct us to a house and was
of great service to us. It is amazing to see how
they cheat the strangers, it cost papa as much
to have the baggage brought from the shore to the
house, which was about half a square, as the bringing
it from Philadelphia to Boston; from there we should
never have had a very agreeable voyage to Paris for
Vanne de Grace is built at the mouth of the Seine
and we follow the river all the way thru. The most
beautiful country I ever saw in my life, it is a
perfect garder, if the singularity of our towers
had not attracted the attention of all we met,
we were surrounded by the beggars and where
ever we stopped we were surrounded by the beggars
one day I counted no less than nine where we
stopped to change horses. We saw a great number
of little hills near E-Nov, where we saw also a
church built by William the Conqueror, another
at Mont which had as many steps to go to the
top as those one day in the year there are
birthday parties in it. The architecture is beautiful
all the windows are filled with the most beautiful
colours that form all kinds of figures.
I wish you could have been with us when we
arrived, I am sure you would have laughed,
so we were all just to come immediately for the
Vide makes the mantua maker the milliner and
even a shoemaker before I would go there. I have never
had the放入us but once, but I soon got rid of
him and washed down my hair in spite of all the
could say and I refused to come as much as possible
for I think it always too soon to suffer. I have
been two hours take the rail. I'll tell you about
that when I come to see you. I was placed in a
convent at my arrival and I leave you to judge
of my situation. I did not speak a word of French.
Perhaps Canter?
and no one there knew English but a little girl of 2 years old that could hardly speak French. There are about fifty or sixty passengers in the house so that speaking as much as I could with them I learnt the language very soon.

At present I am cheerful with my situation. I am afraid that you will be very much disappointed if you expect to see me perfect for I have made very little progress. Give my love to Miss Howe. Kiss little Polly and when you write see Polly. Mother asked her for me. She has never answered any of my letters. send my compliments to Miss Tamage and Miss Thomson in short to every body that I know. It is not doubt that you were very much astonished at hearing that Edna Floyd was married - cause I, but as everyone has a different mind we must leave the world to itself and follow what we think right. Do you have a great deal of patience, I am afraid that this thousand will tire it but if you knew the pleasure I take in writing to you and receiving letters from you you would pardon me. Try write me very long letters by every occasion. I should be very glad to write to Papa but fear that he could have no occupation which gives him more pleasure than that. However when he can't leave his business, I shall do it with pleasure. I don't know
when we shall come winter may this letter being
so badly written I have not the time to present.
These come in some new pensioners every day.
The cloaks are four rooms exceedingly large, for the
pensioners to sleep in and there is a fifth
and sixth for them to stay in the day. One
other in which they take their lessons.
We wear the uniform which is crimson,
made like a frock laced behind with the tail
like a robe de cour hooked on l\'Muslin Cape
or buckles. The masters are all very good ex-
cept that for the drawing I and three for
I am sure my letter must be you. Peace
sends his most affectionate compliments to
you and Mrs. House and begs you not to forget
that you are indebted a letter to him,
particularly on the subject of Browse relations.
Ach in my dear friend, he assured that Sam
9 ever will be your affectionately,

Martha Jefferson

be so good as to let Mrs. Hopkins know that I
remember her with great gratitude affection
as well as Mrs. Bittenhouse.