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SIDE TWO

Sister at Baltimore to both of whom present me with affection, assure them of my earnest prayer for a long, very long continuance of encreasing bliss to them & all they love: tell Molly that I wish much but let it be a whisper to know, when she intends making Fanny an Aunt; she must not look angry at this blush, I know she will — This winter has been a remarkably gay one, I have been informed; I have seldom partaken of the amusements it offers, partly owing to My Mama's being, this year, much afflicted by a Cough, wch the Night air invariably encreases — The splendid equipages displayed in our streets would prove, at least, that altho' without claim to the title of a populous Metropolis, the brilliancy of the royal residence was supported, by Coaches & Six, Coaches & four, &c. by discussions on a subject entirely new, (that is in this new world) & highly interesting to the general welfare — Etiquette — this important point has produced serious divisions, in the Society of the great ones. I think I see you smile, but remember one of your poetical friends says "What great events arise from little things" & look more grave — A friend of Papa's leaves this City tomorrow, who has promised, as he passes thro' Baltimore, to send these hurried pages to your Brother's house — I take my Mama's & my Expressions of Affectionate regard acceptable to your family-circle, assure the Hollingsworths of my unalterable sentiments of friendship for them — And to all the Sargents, me by writing me, even one line, were it but to say

"Fanny Chester still loves Anne Barry"