as what she is [illegible]; I wish you would write oftener to her than
what you do, I know it makes her uneasy your not writing to her.
Every thing here wears the Melancholey Aspect of War, the Ministry,
are so much taken up with the prospect there is of a War with
Spain, that I am afraid they have never once thought of our Country.
the conversation of the Town is intirely changed, last Winter go into
what company you would, the fault was intirely on America, but now
poor America is forgot, & Peace or War takes Place. We are after
much Plague & trouble got settled in our new House in America
Square we find it very convenient in every respect particularly for
Mr Mollesons Business. As to the gay part of the World I know very
little of, you know I am not very fond of going much into Publick, I
used to like a Play very well, but they are really so very indifferent
ly Acted this Winter that I have very little satisfaction in seeing one
all the best Actors Garrick excepted have left us, even our favorite
Weston has left the Stage, Mr Garrick is obliged to play two or
three times a week to be able to fill his House, but he plays
such insignificant Characters that it is not worth the trouble of
going so far to see them. Our Lottery Ticket is drawn a Blank,
I have had no less than four Blanks, besides the one I went halves
in with, I had one whole Ticket & three other share all Blanks.
Mr Mollesson joins me in wishing you a happy new Year &
many returns of them; he begs his compliments, & as an excuse
for his not writing you a longer letter than he has, that he
has been & is still so very busy that he could not go to his
favorite High Beach to spend his Xmas. Pray when you see
Mr Cook give our compliments to him & that we wish him
success with Miss Tilgman & hope soon to have it in our
power to congratulate him on his marriage, It will always
give me a sincere pleasure to hear of your health & happiness, I
beg you will believe me with truth to be

Dear Sir

Your very Affec: Cousin Eleanor Mollesson —

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