Georgetown June 1, 1813.

Dear Sir,

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I have had the pleasure to receive your letter of the 27th May, and reproach myself for failing to write to you as I promised when at Frederick. But really so little of interest had occurred that I deemed it advisable to defer the execution of my promise for a short time. The gaiety that now prevails and the little incidents to which it gives birth are objects of some interest with you, and admonish me that the plea for postponement can no longer be urged. Your letter, moreover, adds stronger claims.

The Members are anxious to return to their homes, and will abridge, as much as practicable, the duration of the Session. We have not so large a society of ladies attendant upon this Congress as on the last. Among the number, however, are many of your friends. Your recollection of her former beauties and charms will suggest to your fancy the loveliness of Maria Goldsborough at this time more readily and faithfully than my words can. Her looks are as brilliant as ever, and her "vermeil-tinctur'd lip" as inviting. Of the strangers Mrs King and Mrs Gore are the most conspicuous and fashionable. Altogether this month promises to pass away as pleasantly as we could wish. — I beleive that you

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