together,

That are so delightful. There is nothing new or very amusing to write to you from here — The Derbys are as gay & see as much company as ever, I hear from her as usual almost every day — Mrs D. is supremely happy in having her friend Miss Macmasters near her for life, & Mrs Codman! — She has now a train of grown Misses quite the Belles, who are much at her House & of course, add to its attractions. [illegible] They are still here & Amelia Hart to stay some months with them — they propose going to Europe with all their Children in the Spring, quite a party in them — The Otis's, & especially Mrs Otis, continue to mourn deeply the death of Mr Lyman, Mrs O has given up all society except that of her own family at home — I go there frequently — Mr Ritchie has departed from here, for the 6th time since his marriage, to pass the winter at St Croix to look after his affairs there, they have a fine boy & Mrs R is in a fair way of having another. They have lived in the most retired & quiet manner & She does not go into any society.

We have had a sight of distinguished Strangers whom I have been obliged to have parties for, this last Summer & Fall — After the Duke & Capt Hyde's departure came Gov Lewis & Mrs & Miss Livingston & then Prince Charles Bonaparte & his Lady all very pleasant people — I have also been plagued