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D' Sir I received your letter of the 14th of Sept about a week ago by which I am Jony to find your Situation is not likely to become more agreeable of that you cannot draw a more few enroble reprefortation of the State of veligeon as du in that part of the Wo: where you neve are, I'm affraid the picture you Enhebite is by no means a Consucating Extented pen prejudese, or discontent, as I find others coroberesting the truth of your Eindones, Especially cencering the State of religion, a young gentleman from this thigh bour hood with in the very Some Strain Suys the Holy Subbath is not vegended, of the Thurshas in Thiladely :. very ill attended, not above 40 Comments in the Church he attended, and always with this you had come out from among them, for in place of being of more use there, this at human as mothers new I tom I four you are of much left and have never had but one Vino of the mother oltogether, as you well know, for Johnays told you my Sentime the or! much Diffidence, of Long that you did not take your departure as you had once finally resolved to 20, I always think you well and your days upon this Side of the atlantic, to be some much deponds upon the State of your family; of which you never Juy any Thing - honeyour Child " are amployed - your letters are very outestawing of Justructive but always where me Sorry your your own account, of upon out of the wasfull change

the verse upon that once highly favoured part of the wered I forget who Jugs " Religeon Strends on top the in our dand Rendy to fly to the american Stend and Swely I May leit had taken it flight thether, for once in Jay I thought they were all Swinty espainty by the good Sumply I Jame of them - but by all accounts the less tohen wing ey? The alus! I do not find that the hun donded en the Brittish Shore on would meet with welcome there, I look for Something extra coming from our beloved Severeyon thein Mit ! that it will not be worts Douth but for the glory of god! it has called the attention of all routes - mude a Sort of Solemn people, of given many people time to Confider who never think aball, The publish amufem to all hughed, of Churches (rended to hear the many forward prayer pulaps to Haucen for the vestinati on of his pressure houth - the Royal family are all quite dejected, of afflicted which way be of great upe by the blefing of god! The laft time the Il-was abroad was at the chapel where he wis be in fute of being advisor out it, of the heen, & princes, & principes have wars hip of god in the Luceus appartant; Hope of other things too tideaus to Montain, appear to be tolions for good! The Mutan never was more writed, or more forwent in their wifters then they are at prefer for the prefervation of Istables kint of the Il 3 houtth - Sensely there never was a Severiege more universally believed - I am at a great lofe to find out how to fill the sieft of my naper with Such Juteligener as would

all you from I so few as I know Murch 2 I smaft I reft Jag to you as the weethy, of Sand mer Nowton Said to me in a Letter I had from him Letal; began about 2 mon the before it was finished on that he Send the frist part to Convines me of his Intentions - but from Varion Occurances the to had now found it convenient to frish what he had Legur, this has e been the Cofe with me, of I wil not Send Said a Confused Sorome to Such a Distance, were it not as a proof I had not ganget you - My four is that my long Siloner inny make you Surpocet what aun now the til coming me; that I get, or can make hight of a friend, before this, gon may be assured with the lose my own, as your littless are a Estatainment to Me - int I am kept too long, the I four often Idly so, I hope this will find good well, there is a great clarge upon the face of Affain in Obretain Sines this Letter was began, by the receve our beloved Severiegn - the joy is begand progration from the Lovert to the Highord - I must refer you to publish Inteligence for all this leggind Daving the Said Interval, - there appears to be a great work upon the wheel at greefent of wift I had a frack with you, to how your dwely observation, of animadversion about Many thing; det me know here you are as to booth, a gustenment, of if you apour to be Settled for dife -or Intond to and your Days on Oritain - In Sony to find that poor Mr Min hus golow Settlent perhaps by this time it may be otherwise - He is a good Man, what are his forbles I cannot Say \_ when you with jury det me home the history of year own family - This formily by the blefory of god & his Infinite movey, - are all alive - of much increased the Li Sal. him 3 Sons - Many hus hid g thild in - y alove, & does not to be thankfull for - I thought you I wonder with worthy

Maay Leven March 2. 1789 The Dew? Chuis chisher? 61 Olo Di gillen - He is alais 2 well Istem a Letter from you very much \_\_ Mr Martin a family all well he var aims the He of one wife in Spite of your apprehauficino I Sealed this Letter in a horry of forgot that I had bought il to no Conclupion - or Soul my Londs beft respects to you in which My Doughton Soin - 3 to offer mins to 11m Mis bet, & & afrine you that I continue to be with real Esteem a. - your H.S.

[Mar. 2, 1789]

Dr Sir

I received your letter of the 14th of Sept. about a week ago, by which I am sorry to find your situation is not likely to become more agreeable, & that you cannot draw a more favourable representation of the State of religion in that part of the Wo: where you now are. I'm afraid the picture you Exhibit is by no means a commentary extended from prejudice, or discontent, as I find others corroborating the truth of your Evidence, Especially concerning the state of religion; A young Gentleman from this Neighbourhood writes in the very same strain. Says the Holy Sabbath is not regarded, & the churches in Philadelphia very ill attended, not above 40 [one word illegible] in the church he attended; I always wish that you had come out from among them, for in place of being more use there, then at home; As matters now stand I fear you are of much use. I have never had but one view of that matter altogether, as you well know, for I always told you my sentiments tho' wh [with] much diffidence, & sorry that you did not take your departure as you had once firmly resolved to do. I always think you will end your days upon this side of the Atlantic, to be sure much depends upon the State of your family, of which you never say any thing, how your Childn [children] are employed. your letters are very entertaining, & Instructive, but always make me Sorry upon your own account, & upon acct. of the woefull change to

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the worse upon that once highly favoured part of the world. I forget who says "Religion stands on tip toe in our Land Ready to fly to the American Stand.

And surely I thought it had taken flight thither, for once in day, I thought they were all saints; especially by the good samples I saw of them & good reports are heard, but by all accounts she has taken wing agn [again]. Tho' alas! I do not find that she has landed on the Brittish Shore, or would meet with welcome there. I look for something extraordinary from our beloved sovereigns Edwin illness! that it will not be unto death but for the Glory of God! it has called the attention of all ranks, made a sort of solemn promise, & given many people time to consider who never think at all. The publick amusement to all hastened, & Churches Crowded to hear the many fervent prayers put up to heaven for the restoration of his precious health. The Royal family are all quite dejected, & afflicted, which may be of great use by the blessing of God! The last time the K was abroad was at the chapel where he would be, in spite of being advised agt. [against] it, & the Queen, & princes, & princesses, have the worship of God in the Queen's apartment. Those, & other things to insidious to mention, appear to be tokens for good! The nation never was more united, or more fervent in their wishes, then they are at present for the preservation, & Establishment of the K's health. Surely there never was a sovereign more universally beloved. I am at a great loss to find out how to fill the rest of my paper with such intelligence as would be

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all you found so far as I know

March 2d I must just say to you as the worthy, & Revd. Mr. Newton said to me in a letter I had from him lately; began about 2 month before it was finished. That he sent the first part to Convince me of his Intentions. but from Various Occurrences, he had never found it convenient to finish what he had begun, this has been the case with me, & I wd. not send such a confused scrawl to such a distance, was it not as a proof I had not forgot you. My fear is that my long silence may make you suspect what can never be truth concerning me; that I forget, or can make light of a friend; beside that you may be assured [one or two words illegible-tear in page] the loss my own, as your letters are a great entertainment to me. but I am kept too long, tho' I fear often idly so, I hope this will find you well, there is a great change upon the face of affairs in Christian since this letter was begun, by the recovery of our beloved sovereign. tho' joy is beyond imagination from the lowest to the highest. I must refer you to publick intelligence for all that happened during the sad interval; there appears to be a great work upon the wheel at present, I wish I had a Crack with you, to hear your Lively Observations, & animadversion about many thing; Let me know how you are as to health, & contentment, & if you appear to be settled for life, or intend to end your days in Britain. I'm sorry to find that poor Mr. Muir has got no settlmt. perhaps by this time it may be otherwise. He is a good man, what are his foibles I cannot say. When you write, pray let me know the history of your own family; this family by the blessing of God, & his infinite mercy; are all alive, & much encreased. Ld. Bal. has 3 Sons, Mary has had 9 childn. 7 alive, & she does not look to be above 20. remember us in your prayers, we have much to be thankfull for. I thought you [two words illegible- tear in page] with worthy

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Old Dr. Gillan. He is alive and well [two words illegible- covered by seal] Esteem a letter from you very much. Mr. Martin & family all well. he remains the Hd. of one wife in spite of your apprehensions.

I sealed this letter in a hurry & forgot that I had not brought it to no Conclusion, or sent my Lord's best respects to you in which My Daughters Join, & to offer mine to Mrs. Nisbet, & to assure you that I continue to be with real esteem & your H.S.

W.L.

Dr Sir It is tonely prefumption in me to begin upon a full Sheet, god arample is much worth, but we are often Justators in the things that we are leafs qualiful to copy after - Your great Letter of the of the of muy! came to hand Sept 12 & was a find of Entorlamm! & instruction, in many things that we know not, & to get thefe testimonies from a far Country, upon the word of Varceity, is some news, plenty News pours in up on us; but Little \_ What Il. David Said in his hafte, an honort mand said, he might now Say at his Lizure do - Your letters always give the plufure, but I Shill find a flend hunging over them, of my regnate for your or form your own Country yours grand, upon overy Infinentian of your own for having Left it - The Decaying State of religion of its fattel confequences, must affect yours, & every righteon Spirit, The famine of thefe fit to mude freinds - & of heavers in your harch, muft caft a damp own upon your good Spirt, It is a great movey that you, & your family, have Enjoyed good hatter I you have all renfon to hope that your procepting oble Labours will be bleft, but you amnot lay cet to be ling able to undergoe Such an Excertion of Strength, of budy, of mind, ar your prefout Lubour requires - you do not mention what aprilance you have, - or if the people employed are deligent, & affall among the Students de of you had not Such foreforts as the world count give, your situation would be most un comfortable, as it is So little Suited to goin notavel gonias, But you have the Comfort of hueroing that what over State yen are in, "In by the Divine previdence, that god hus the ordering of it, all the Juguedient in your Jup, of all the variety of your State are from Him, you forfider that there is no State of prefort things, how far wroble Soever, withins an alloy - thus there is Something in long Condition of help, & in every place to Comme us of the fruitles Effort of Seeking rest here below; while we compolain of grivanes in this or that It notion we might find worfe in another . In away State there is Something to

blefer be god! There no is not State that can oreladed these confort, & Confolosiens which Cannot be taken away .... Pence Grows overy where from him who is our Jewe - He is the Comfortor of all the ords of the Earth ' se --I cannot think of any thing to write for your annifement, there is nothing on this of the atlantic in which you are futorested, but what you have as much of as you would with to be frefermed of - nothing Sound to be Jugareving do father the art of Iwindling of Document the Unwary - There are Muny mufton of art in this Profession - So that one Cannot help admining the Jugennity; white they grive they if many plans in yourmany it has not been supplied to better purposes . . . . The state of the French nation you will be Jupo mid of, they in a most Deplerable Situation, of I believe the naport Idition our form no Don of what will be the Jone - Mr Mertin hus woote you all the news he and Collect which I am glad of as I find my dellers (an be little the then tokens of Remoniberance of good wifes for you, and Jointy - Hope your Son will do wall, & Disapoint all your fours. Our yanget, garge is now Settled in Enfinish at Estend, of in much Seetis find with his Sitiulien - has your Son got his Sight perfectly in the Eye that was affected, my mind is at profest in much anxiety of Concern about My Dr and only Suter, L. Bants, She has been in dellining way, from ourious Comfer, for thefe 12 Months paft, hus been better of worfe, but little agreement & of returning health - Hartweel Jamily will make a great Lofe, if it Should Is people god! to take her to himself, I still unmarried, of Mm Marray to who you will ven ember, hus not Sund a days health thefe I your, Inice The had her 3? Child \_ but I hope is geting better I write all this as if it a was to obtain your prion prayer - but alas! what charges may have tuhon place before it make its way to gen - mr M. will have montion the wather - Earthquaky about creef an no body remambers such a wely

My dend with this a few Muyagines about the beforebly hime, of Some Scotch pryress - begre they may amufe you, - The I have nothing that at preforil Dawn , & champe you , I beg you may continue your Jutoracting of amost ing history, to me, we have hithe from am: that can be depended upon - Mr Mustin would with you about D. Majill - No body our Say her that mother will End, it had much now to amorend I hape you will hear from Dr getter what the Pref. by of glasgene have done, a men to do If you Commiss, any books for your Library, I wift growing get two Vol! entitled "Horea Solitains or Esays both Doctomal & Prestical - upon the Dimity of It of the H: Spirit, Sales upon the Subject of the Frinity Showing it to have been a truth received from the Ear his ages; of Confirmed by the principles of the garpel in 2 Vols. 19 Sk The author name not affixed, but well known to berly - Syrle Esox o was Scortany to a great man whom in office, It is als author of the Itium Remombranes - which I will Sind with the mugaya this works much Esterned by good people, & Stave Say you ad admire that book very is it is Looked upon as a muftirly performance, I mean the Hora Solition e I must now forcelade this very triffing Equipple which I am askarned to think is to travel To for to Sittle properio is come and down as a much of that detacm which I have Entestained for you Inice Four noftre - adammen Introduced to but others agreent : and or Ruther the Inomies of your that raifed Such Redicales Steries at a Sermon of your which I refolded to be at the Cottern of by Enquiring at the find himd - With beft Brugeth to you from all have of Mine to Hom Night In My Lind is much oretatained with your letters of Dofins to be purhalundy somewhered - Menny thents for the Pafterel Letter it is an Exceeding good

Belowe me with much Exteen of frends hip your It: It MIT. How does Ruft & all his family Do, It is long Since I had the plupere of heaving of them - but Sinerally wift them well metall Nov. 27th 89 2 Lady Com. 89 The Russ I would be much Indebled to you for any Soraps of Lectures - or Explumations of any Chap? on Verfor that you judged most weefull - I am very partial to your talent this way - 2 reity far popels them - yen Should publish a Val:

Dr Sir

It is truely presumption in me to begin upon a full sheet, good example is much worth, but we are often Imitators in the things that we are least qualified to copy after. Your great letter of the 9th of Augt. Came to hand Septr. 12 & was a find of entertainment, & instruction, in many things that we know not, & to get these testimonies from a far country, upon the word of Variety, is rare news, plenty of News pours in upon us, but little truth. What N. David said in his haste, an honest man said he might now say at his leisure. Your letters always give me pleasure, but I still find a Cloud hanging over them, & My regrate for your absence from your own country gains ground, upon every Insinuation of your own for having left it. The decaying State of religion, & its fatal Consequences, must affect yours, & every righteous spirit. The famine of these, fit to be made friends, & of hearers in your Church, must cast a damp over upon your good spirit, It is a great Mercy that you, & your family, have Enjoyed good health, & you have all reason to hope that your indefatigable Labours will be blest, but you cannot Expect to be long able to undergoe Such an Exertion of strength, of body, & Mind, as your present Labour requires. You do not mention what assistance you have; or if the people employed are diligent, & usefull among the Students. If you had not such Comforts as the world cannot give, your situation would be most uncomfortable, as it is so little suited to your Natural Genius, But you have the comfort of knowing that whatever state you are in, 'Tis by the divine providence, that God has the ordering of it, all the Ingredients in your Cup, & all the variety of your State, are from Him, you Consider that there is no State of present things, how favourable Soever, without an Alley. that there is something in Every Condition of Life, & in every place, to Convince us of the fruitless Effort of Seeking rest here below; while we complain of grievances in this or that Situation, we might find worse in another. In every State there is something amiss but

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blessed be God! There is no State that can exclude these Comforts & Consolations which cannot be taken away...Peace Grows every where from him who is our Peace. He is the Comforter of all the ends of the Earth!

I cannot think of anything to write for your amusement, there is nothing on this side of the Atlantic in which you are Interested, but what you know as much of, as you would wish to be Informed of; nothing seems to be Improving so fast as the art of Swindling, & deceiving the Unwary. There are many Masters of Art in this Proffession so that one cannot help admiring the Ingenuity, while they grieve that it has not been employed to better purposes...The state of the French nation & many places in Germany you will be informed of, they are in a most deplorable Situation, & I believe the wisest petition our form no Idea of what will be the Issue. Mr. Martin has wrote you all the news he could collect which I am glad of. As I find my Letters can be little else than tokens of Remembrance & of good wishes for you, and family. Hope your son will do well, & disapense all your favors. Our Youngest, George is now settled in business at Ostend, & is much satisfied with his situation. Has your son got his sight perfectly in the Eye that was affected, my mind is at present in much anxiety & concern about my Dr and only Sister, L. Bantt. She has been in declining way, from various causes, for these 12 months past, has been

better, & worse, but little appearance of returning health. Her sweet family will make a great Loss, if it should please God! to take her to himself; 3 Daughters still unmarried, & Mr. Murray who you will remember, has not had a days health these 3 years, since she had her 3d Child, but I hope is getting better. I write all this as if it was to obtain your pious prayers, but alas! what changes may have taken place before it makes its way to you. Mr. M will have mentioned the weather. Earthquakes about Crees. Nobody remembers such a wet .

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My lord intend to send with this a few magazines about the Assembly time, & some Scotch N. Papers. hope they may amuse you; Tho I have nothing that at present occurs, to comft. You, I beg you may Continue your interesting & engaging history, to me, who hears little from Am. that can be depended upon. Mr. Martin would write you about Dr. McGill. No body can say how that matter will end, it had much need to amend. I hope you will hear from Dr. Gethers what the Presby. of Glasgow have done, & mean to do. If you commisn. any books for you library, I wish you would get two vols. entitled "Haven Solataire or Essays both Doctrinal, & Practical" upon the divinity of Xn, & the H. Spirit, & who upon the subject of the Trinity showing it to have been a truth received from the earliest ages, & confirmed by the principles of the gospel in 2 Vols. 12 sh. The author name not affixed, but well know to be by Serle Syrle Esq. who was secretary to a great man when in office. His is also another of the Xtian Remembrances, which I will send with manager and his works are very much esteemed by good people, & I daresay you wd. admire that book very much as it is looked upon as a masterly performance. I mean the Haven Solitaire. I must now conclude this very twisting Epistle which I am ashamed to think is to travel so far to little purpose. It can only serve as much of that esteem which I have entertained for you since ever Nature=Adamum Introduced us to each others Acquaintance, or rather these enemies of yours that raised such Ridiculous Stories abt a sermon of yours which I related to be at the bottom of Enquiring at the first hand. Best Respects to you from all here, & mine to Mrs. Nisbet. My Lord is much entertained with your letters and Desires to be particularly remembered. Many thanks for the Pastoral Letter it is an Exceeding good one.

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Believe me with much esteem & friendship your H. St.

W.L.

How does Rush and all his family do. It is long since I had the pleasure of hearing of them. but sincerely wish them well.

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I would be much indebted to you for any scraps of Lectures, or explanation of any chaps. or verses that you judged most usefull. I am very partial to your talents this way, & really must possess them. you should publish a Vol.

D' Sir. I have just receved your Letter & parcel which him would me as from a dream, of orneated in me sincone vegrate for himmy never and show the get your farmer long Letter - to Convince you that I had intended it I sond this Short upon which I begun an amform, but knowing Let that apportantly Ship have nover formed a more convenient Senfon - I think Myself become impt for writing Letter If over I had any Capacity that way it is much Jugained but I cease from apologies of admine you hindness in forgiving this Seaming ne gled indeed there is nothing real in it - you have Louis me under a great Ob-Agaston by the treasure you hime Sout me, of for which I return you a great many thanks I have not get proved them, but haves they need no proof, as they are from the Some tree from which I have turter I west fruit formerly -I wendow mer martin did not deliver the Commits of I give him to thank you of much My example for not writing when he did - He is none huppy with getting hi Son a Prometer, a a Root - Il gives me great plassive to find your health is is So good, It Sometimes Comes a Crop me that you will get Land on your man, two shore - of in the Romander onjoy the Society of Some of friends - among when I French myself - I am front & feeth as to heath, at the Same time; wonder that I amdo well - It is indeed a Lingular movey to be free from many of the Ditrepes Incident to old age - My Dr. Frand is Surprigingly lowthy, of all our phild ! a g. Thildren houldy - I must till you a firemflower that is matter of of window of prinie - Sur Son John in the guinds returned to Brotain just when The army was proporing to lettech Volonceoners which was a very unbooked for 6-That three Companies were added to the Reg! I he was appointed to one of a Thum which gives him the Stank of lot, hefile bringing him Home I Leave at

It to you to Reflect how this ought to affect tondor Parents, yet we night always to rejoin with trambling - not knowing where our danger or Soft ty die, in the Mun time it is reliving - The Situation of our troops before Valencorenes engrefes the attention of all Branks & Denominations at prefent -- what dread full Havack of barbarities, have been Committed Since I wrote you last? What the End of thefe things will be, is only howon to him that know ath all things, - O' that mon would become enjoy of better by the judgem to of the Lord, Since goodness of Murey would not ling to reportance mer martin will write you news, I am a very bad retailer, & indeed a smuch Shetch world fill a Vol, will Send you Some News grapers where you will find much True of much fanhe - The Singe of Volone. on one ofer at profess the attention of ancisty of the publish - May Movey prevent drend full Conforgances - I dure Say people in Philadelphin get News puper from Britain - Sootet M! Paper will Sail your tifle hoft - We are all grint at prefort - No Siehnes or Pains are troubling our Constitation - It is thought that the many Late recipt for Caving publish Disorden have had a grood Effect - The rights of Man published on this subject
have been of More afe to I done them their wrongs / by many just Commentarys/ then any method that and have discovered - any! The Mus of the Swander of Valen." fame to our lun, of is indeed wondows in our Eyes & Inight it was more believed to be the doing of door but nothing yet his been Soid in all the week which afor bos this wonderfull Sonuf to a higher pones The man I shoot such an avont lies been bringle abt with the Lofs of so for men is indeed morvelous I will sond you mus papers - I former all woments to your Immfin which is not only fortil but Witty, of Wife, -I have been freshed with your notes, which I have none vend of thank you very much is for them. They have no fouth his a Small one - If Ever you write any more to me you might get them. I have have in juity to my dim Sight - a go.

- My Lord vend Some of Them safely by candle light - would you have any Objection to publishing Some parts of thefe notes if Dr Erftime approved, theme are Some remarks that would be Well timed, of Might be upfull the anther might or might not be corecoled - D' & published a Sommon Sometime ago which he was Solicited to do, which I will Sand you, he presulted a Sommon at J. Rob? Death, which logether with a Lecture - wave Estamus to be marter pieces, and hould prevent his Complying with the many coment Solutations to publish Them, It is with much plufore that I venture to Jay he is continuing botton, & greather often The' very party - a Wonderfull man! Di Gillen is in also much recovered, his at last been provente upon to take an abordant. Mr filler Dyer in Winter, after what wont mrs Lesli Stind with him neur holf a year he is always anxions to hour at you I take it for granted that mor Mantin Justinets you wi vegered took: Poblates - I hope in time they will improve - and troth prevail agt Error, as Sugning his been muching concerning it at Dis E. & Hanton, gen of their por D' I in Stronge to Reflect that amorem is now So much in the french Juliant I Shald only Jonagen, it to be copy of their Countenance of that Bretain will Itill have a hold of their heart - The pursue to may have been though havet, and Lovere in their mentures get they are Purout This, a blood is stronger thin water, on the Proverb Sugs - perhaps they may get write of twhe one of From to rule over them What Says Northe Adam? I hope Sombody Sint you mer Homing's Trophotecal conjectures Concerning many things - I have bet one Capy - Now that I have between upon I mall talk I Shall rather tire, then Ether Bufy or amufe you It is however a confolation to me to to See that I have forward So much Paper, in fracking with My Warthy I. in a far fountry - which much rather do it at Melile foreside it is always a great plufure to me to low from gen, Let me know what is doing either pub-: lish, or private - how you are now with Respect to tongeral goncerns, of him re : ligen advances, or delmer - any Encouragem. for good min's if we could Spare con Small Stock indeed it is not the ball have of that get the grant

I greatest Ensuring porhaps you many Sond as a Sample of your Divines a I Should Like Those of your Raifing if they answer your Within & Care, - many Lower are of the fashionable Sort of Joes to have Learned a new porced - I do not how her they Come to Sign the Confep " of I with a Sofe Confe " We do not hour many of them - but much of them - Their Burthen indeed Seems to be light, of that They have Inid afride every wight, & all befitting Sons of touch mon So to do - but not in the way that He trucker - Who trught as more man tunght, & as Carmot be thought by the preceipt of mon - They have never get Learned of Him, who Soud take my I Yoke upon you" the I fear this ( Top of Divines old & young are too Burnerous get there are Many Excellent piers young Mon what I must not waste my paper Thing to think you gratefully for another Letter Juff now received, of Date June 124 The this as a great month of hindufs, Expecially, when I was appearing to you inwo the musk of unkindness, forget fullness, gen Tho' a very unfair copy of My counterme one is gen, My 1000 thy of find, - I define that who tever appearances May ocace in this foully light that you may trent them as not Even Shirtens of the truth which I have told you at the beginning of this Serry you I had make any op: for your oxcellent notes which we highly joinge of with they, is more of the Same refeth toward was in print, Im Jony for what you write Me Concerning & Broth, it is not Correspondent to his former profiperes of driendship - He map Ever tieve Regard, & good within, as in duty band but many are the hunger which a little time produces in this uncertain State of things, " Blifed be god! That the foundation Standath Sure This is firm footing all. is Son before I cannot pretoned to empour your letter but to Say that I approve of all the Solid Reforing which it Contains, & to be the Continuence of So Edifying a for corpordonce & of Informing Mes Concerning the Strution of your formuly by also to how here Dr. Withous poor Stood the opporation of it had any good Effects which I Sworty with it world beg of you if you have any consposed in time to by that I remomber him with Eftern of good night - The Same of his works I did not Esteem him for - my Good from Sonds his beft Respects to you he is much Enlortained with your correspondence - L. B? Jeruity are in health 4 promiting Sons - Sindy

Ruthorn 2 Sons of 5 D" all hutty of thrwing So year - her Eldert Son him I been above a year in Engl? with mr De Coursey who was in This Country long ago in Le Glen : Jamily of is now Settled at Sheren bury, all the young mons tutors approve I of his going theme, I we had a Visit of him of Mr Del - this Sommer, he is e much Jugueved - a much believed by Every body - I write you this as it is matter of he great thank fullraf - The Girch all very promising at prefent - I'l of L: Same will I I their only Dr a tall fine give - Have you any G? Children , where I have are you young puple Employed 34 here Dr Mrs 11! keep her health? This is all that I can Collect for your Edification ma Perhaps you will not find any & of that i Sort - I Should have Said Information - Wholover it continns, I ontine it as a Spei 4 men of good Will- which you muft augst of for the Deed - With Estern and In Franciship believe me gr. Sir your Hamble Son! Wit. I thought that I had wrote you, that the wither of the Horse Soli is a mr Sorle - who was Scaratury to Lord How During The Last War; & New Enjoys a plue under govern ! of about £ 12, or 1500 a your - as they know him to be a man of 1 Br finep, as well as of Lowing, & pricty - He has wrote many prious I Small track for the use of the poor ofer I Sout you his I tain Remambras je, Den He is a very Singular Man in this generation - tell the year of of His publications 6

Ruthern 2 Son of 5 D" all linding of theming Sofice how Elect Son he in above comment by with me Delany who was in this country lay ago Glandfamily of is missletted at alson long the the young them to time of of his pay thing of one have think of thing of the Town , he or much proposed at mind below of their forty and with you this as it is to the and the fitted - The first as any beautiful at his forget - in & grant good this wife to had fine fine in how in my by There we when I find hand hady good and for at the my property of you wall you Magin the how a little from my extended in the second section in Let I Hard have to I population - Wholeson & Continued Pointer of good West which go might enough of for the love - West Estern marky below the De for your thought don't Il it I though that I had weath you that the parties of the Hortell to a me look who was landing to don How Dark the pays to , would recen wind a choling out A wall project first or of so a your on they know him to be in money graped or sof on it principly they - Ho per is hoped South hind for the of the poor sa I Sout you his I han Be For a very long law there in this firms him the the year for your Corespondence

It always gives me plintere to see your hund writing upon a letter I however to thank you for a long one of the I une 28th, gran Look forward to the fulfilling of your promise to Send me a for Solitary meditations on Select texts of Scrip have - I highly going this gift the unfeen, & will do it your mere afterwards I have offen wither they you to be omployed in this usefull work, which many try, who Donkon Council &an Ten are Still Lubaring under fur perious that I will not Jorga for Susperting Me Concerning the Muture of Sul Woods, which you believed for Spring up in My Carryet heart, however among the Many, I with this a voot of bithmely, may Ever be a root of Sourity There a far from blenning the Unseity you Exmefred, I Looked upon it as a much of true friends hip, of way fled upon your her as well as My own, that I amed discover bud Soil - Nothing and Suit it worfe, Ilay prinds, May Sometimes blind the Eyes of My with repeat to their Errors - of that lowing a boun in My own went me from Seing Churly the Mote that is in My Brey ! Exercise the greatest contien, & Down, for being had into the Pour understand his Evron ged - I Tavas will grow up suit O what a blefring to know the truth ? Lord . tuck Me . - - The the dife ! go go ... That I try to I want to I can have no doubt foreening your ufefalloup Tho' it May not agreen Confinin can to yourself, being fortent with math; M; L, & John, is a hoppy Lign, The not a Sign of the time, To whom Can we go , or Should we go to heat the truth, but to the word of god which test open it & & The all mon Should became Line, this furnition Stondeth Sive - you complime of proceeding to a Dead people - I with I and the you it was otherwise here - A day Slay Sames to prevnil over all ranks, So far as I can der or hear of - - What Sans martin ? . . I have assept to See no church lady leven

Dr. Sir

I have just received your Letter & parcel which has roused me as from a dream, & awakened in me sincere regrate for having never acknowledged your former long Letter. To convince you that I had intended it I send this sheet upon which I began an endeavor, but having let that opportunity slip have never found a more convenient season. I think myself become unfit for writing Letters. If ever I had any capacity that way it is much impaired, but I cease from apologies & admire your kindness in forgiving this seeming neglect indeed there is nothing real in it. You have Laid me under a great obligation by the treasure you have sent me, & for which I return you a great many thanks. I have not yet proved them, but know they need no proof, as they are from the same tree from which I have twisted sweet fruit formerly. I wonder Mr. Martin did not deliver the commisn. I gave him to thank you & make my excuse for not writing when he did. He is now happy with getting his son a preacher, & a Kirk. It gives me great pleasure to find your health is so good, it sometimes comes across to me that you will yet land on your native shore, & in the Remainder of your Life enjoy the Society of some old friends, among whom I rank myself. I am frail & feeble as to health, at the same time wonder that I am so well. It is indeed a singular mercy to be free from many of these distresses incident to old age. My dr. friend is surprisingly healthy, & all our childn & 2 g. children healthy. I must tell you a circumstance that is matter of wonder and praise. Our son John in the guards returned to Britain just when the army was preparing to attack Valencenes which was a very unlooked for event by his anxious friends & as comfortable as unexpected. The cause was that three companies were to be varied & added to the Regt. & he was appointed to one of them which gives him the rank of Col., besides bringing him home. I leave

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it to you to reflect how this ought to affect tender Parents, yet we ought always to rejoice with trembling, not knowing where our danger or safety lies, in the mean time it is relieving. The situation of our troops before Valencenes engroses the attention of all ranks & denominations at present. What dreadfull havock, & barbarity, have been committed since I wrote you last. What the end of these things will be, is only known to Him that knoweth all things. O! that man would become wiser, & better by the judgemt of the Lord, since goodness & mercy would not bring to repentance.

Mr. Martin will write you news, I am a very bad retailer, & indeed a small sketch would fill a Vol., will send you some news papers where you will find much true, & much false. The siege of Valencs. engroses at present the attention & anxiety of the publick. May mercy prevent dreadfull consequences. I daresay people in Philadelphia get news papers from Britain. Scotch Ns Papers will find your table last. We are all quiet at present. No sickness or Pains are troubling our constitutions. It is thought that the many late receipts for curing publick disorder have had a good Effect. The rights of men have been of more use to show them curings by many just commentarys published on this subject than any method that could have been discovered.

Augt. The News of the Surrender at Valencs. came to our ears, & is indeed wonder in our

eyes (I wish it was more believed to be the doing of Lord but nothing yet has been said in all the accts. which announce this wonderfull success to a higher power than man) that such an event has been brought abt. with the help of so few men is indeed marvelous. I will send you news papers,& leave all remarks to your invention which is not only fertile but witty & wise.

I have been finished with your notes, which I have now read, & thank you very much for them. They have no fault, but a <u>small</u> one. If ever you write any more to me you must stretch out your hand in pity to my <u>dim sight</u>. A great mercy however that it is no worse.

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My Lord read some of them easily by candle light. Would you have any objection to publishing some parts of those notes if Dr. Erskine approved, there are some remarks that would be well timed, & might be usefull. The author might, or might not be concealed. Dr. E published a sermon sometime ago which he was solicited to do, which I will send you, he preached a sermon at Dr. Robs. death, which together with a lecture, were esteemed to be masterpieces, bad health prevents his complying with the many earnest solicitations to publish them, it is with much pleasure that I venture to say he is continuing better, & preaches often tho' very poorly, a wonderful man! Dr. Gillen is also much recovered, has at last been prevailed upon to take an assistant. Mr. Gillen Dyed in winter, after which event Mrs. Leslie Stind with him now half a year. he is always anxious to hear abt. you. I take it for granted that Mr. Martin instructs you wt. regard to the publick. I hope in time they will improve, and truth prevail agt. Error, as enquiry has been making concerning it, at Drs. E & Hawter, & their part.

O! it is Strange to Reflect that America is now so much in the French interest. I should only imagine it to be copy of their countenance, & that Britain will still have a hold of their hearts. Tho' parents may have been thought harsh, and severe in their measures, yet they are Parents still, & blood is stronger than water, as the Proverb says. Perhaps they may yet write, & take one of own prisoners to rule over them what says Notre Adams?? I hope somebody sent you Mr. Fleming's prophetical conjectures concerning many things. I have yet one copy. Now that I have entered upon small talk, I shall rather tire, than either edify or amuse you. It is however a consolation to me, to see that I have covered so much paper, in <a href="mailto:cracking">cracking</a> with my worthy fd. in a far country, which would much rather do it at McHill fireside. It is always a great pleasure to me to hear from you, let me know what is doing either pulblick, or private. how you are now with respect to temporal concerns, & how religion advances, or decline. Any encouragement for good mins. if we could spare any from our small stock. Indeed it is not the best here, that generally get the great

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greatest encouragement. Perhaps you may Send as a sample of your divines. I should like them of your raising if they answer your wishes, & care. Many of ours are of the fashionable sort & seem to have learned a new creed. I do not know how they come to sign the Confes. of F. with a safe Consc. We do not hear many of them, but much of them. Their burthen indeed seems to be light, & that they have kind abode every night, & all befiting son's, & teaching man so to do. but not in the way that He teaches, who taught as never man taught, & as cannot be learned by the

precepts of man. They have never yet learned of Him, who said "take my yoke upon you." Tho' I fear this class of divines old & young are too numerous yet there are Many Excellent pious young men, but I must not waste my paper leaving to thank you gratefully for another Letter just now received, of Date June 14. I take this as a great mark of kindness, especially, when I was appearing to you under the mask of unkindness, forgetfulness, tho' a very unfair copy of my countenance towards you, my worthy old friend. I desire that whatever appearances may occur in that faintly light that you may treat them as not even shadows of the truth. which I have told you at the beginning of this, sorry you should not make any op. of yr. excellent notes which we highly praise, & wish they, & more of the same usefull tendency was in print. I'm sorry for what you write me concerning Dr. Rush. It is not correspondent to his former problems of friendship. He must ever have my regard, & good wishes, as in duty bound, but many are the changes which a little time produces in this uncertain state of things. Blessed be God! That the foundation standeth sure "This is firm fasting, all in son beside". I cannot pretend to answer your letter but to say that I approve of all the solid reasoning which it contains, & to beg the continuance of so edifying a correspondence & of informing me concerning the situation of your family. Beg able to know how Dr. Witherspoon stood the operation & if it had any good effects, which I sincerely wish, & would beg of you if you have any correspondence with him to say that I remember him with esteem & good wishes, tho' some of his works I did not esteem him for...My Good friend send his best respects to you. he is much Entertained with your correspondence. Ld. R's family are in health. 4 promising sons. Lady

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Ruthvam 2 sons & 5 dr. all healthy & thriving so far. her Eldest son has been above a year in Engld. with Mr. DeCourey who was in this country long ago in L. Glen's family & is now settled at Shermbury, all the young mans tutors approved of his going there, & even had a visit of him & Mr. DeC this summer, he is much improved & much beloved by everybody. I write you this as it is matter of great thankfulness, the girls all very promising at present. Sr. J & L. Jane well & their only dr. a tall fine girl. have you any gd. children? Where & how are yr. young people employed? & how Dr. Mrs. N keeps her health? This is all that I can collect for your edification. Perhaps you will not find any thing of that sort. I should have said information. Whatever it contains, I intend it as a specimen of good will, which you must accept of for the deed. With esteem and friendship believe me Dr. Sir

Your Humble Servt.

W.L.

I thought that I hade wrote you, that the author of the Hovre Sol is a Mr. Serle, who was secretary to Lord Howe during the last war, & now enjoys a place under governt. of about £12, or 1500 a year, as they know him to be a man of business, as well as of learning, & piety. He has wrote many pious small tracts for the use of the poor. I sent you his Xtian Remembrance. He is a very singular man in this generation. tell me your opinion of his publications.