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as you had never formerly been abfent I never had Occasion to write you till now, & as you expected to hear from us. I can only affere you of the lon linuance of our Affection, & our linear Wither for your Happines. I Hill continue to call your differ by your Name, a will probably do to for a long time. Remember that the Happineh of your life depends on your own Behaviour, & not on outward lireum Mances. As you are entered into a married Make. you ought to confider that you ought to thedy to make your Hufband happy. & to avoid every thing that may displease him, if you exped that he thould promote your Happinds. Ingratifude & making ill Returns for of. lection is one of the bafeft Views of human Malune. When a Woman makes ile of the Power that the has over her Hulband's Affections, to tortun him with perpetual Contradiction & Dilobedience, in hopes that his Affection will make him blind to her lands, or oblige him to lorgive them, the then becomes the world of Tyrants & Tormenters. Too great lamiliarity & Onumet is hereful in the married State. A married Noman ought never to declare all her thought, especially thole that are of a dilagreeable Malure, as nothing can be more unpleating than a continual Dropping . or perpetual Succepient of Complaint about Trilles. If a Noman is continually lelling what the hales, & x. membering every thing that has offended her, the both destroys her own Mapping & that of her lamily. & likewife contracts a Wabit of leafing & me ming which me render her dijagreeable to all that come within his Hearing. To overlook Trifler, a to pappets disagrecable Sensations, is one of the most important depons that can be given to to a young Moman entering into the married State, as all the Quanch & Billwacher of a married life commenty with from Trifles. a Propertily to name. lual latking is as difugricable as a fullen Silence, An Affectation of continual Guicky is diffulling & pepsicious, But if a Woman Mudies his own Mappinch, the will regulate herself entirely by the Table of her Hestband, as to retain his affection is of infinitely more importance to her. Than to thine in tempany, or to be effects ed a Wil by her acquaintances. A Wife ought to delight in Solitude or Company Chearfulness or Gravity , precifely as either the one of the other is agreculte to her Mulland at the time, as the Mould never think of being happy alone for lep of placing her happines in wahradiching & lormenling him. It is agreeable to a Musband that his Wife thould be effected by his briends of Acquainlances but it is far more agreeable to him, that the retain his Election & affection. The Nappinch of a Mulband, even in the healtest Matten, ought never to be a Matter of Indifference to a Nife, far les ought the lo give other to under

Hand that his Happinch is indifferent to ber. If a Mulband is driven from home by the perpetual Murmun of a Wife, he must look all Allection to her, and be in Danger of being lempled to bad loweles. It it does not appear from the whole of a Woman's landuct that the defines to please her husband, the will form be hyperted of Want of Sinte, or Want of Grabitude, & it the Mudies to please other more than her husband, the will give him laufe to suspect that he has left her Allection. & that the is not happy in his lompany. The lear of loting a hilable Marriage conceals many Defects in young Nomen, which thou themselves as low as that lear is over. It is honourable to a Wife when one can lay of her That the laker as much lase to preferve her Mulband's Elem & Affection after Marriage as the did to merit or altract it before Marriage . Some Women give Way to an entire Carelesonch of Behaviour, & Reglect of all Moderation and good Manners, as form as they have no longer to fear that their Believien will present their Marriage Such Conduct is most baje of ungenerous, as well as unjult & impolitic, as a Noman can never sender her Nuffand unhappy with out being to her felf at the lame time. I what a Diabolical Dipolition . all it be for a Nommen to torment herself menety in order to render that Man miferable, who has preferred her to many others, I put his Mappines in her Power? A full Contendment with our liveum Hances is necessary for the Mappines of the married State. It a Woman indulges herself in mak. ing lowparitons betwint her Mulband & other Men, to his Viladvantage, let her only contider how ill the thould take it, if he were to entertain her with the Orailes & accomplishments of other Nomen. When a Noman momis by her own face thoises all Complaints of her Mulband or of any thing in his liveumflances are a Represach to her Understanding, as well as a Two of Ingralilude to Inconstancy. It both Hufband & Nife do not lind their greatest Mappings at home, & in the lumpany of each other il will be impossible for them to kind it any where elfe. A good Beginning makes a good Ending. Both Parties ought to beware of the Beginsing of Quarrels, & of a positive temper that will yield nothing to another. The Repealing of Grisances & remembering dilagricable lireum Mances is lihewife to be avoided with the ulmost lave. Then are difagreable things

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Carlisle, 25th Oct.r, 1791.

Dear Mary,

As you had never formerly been absent, I never had Occasion to write you till now, & as you expected to hear from us, I can only assure you of the Continuance of our Affection, & our sincere Wishes for your Happiness. I still continue to call your Sister by your Name, & will probably do so for a long time. Remember that the Happiness of your life depends on your own Behaviour & not on outward Circumstances. As you are entered into a married state, you ought to consider that you ought to study to make your Husband happy, & to avoid every thing that may displease him, if you expect that he should promote your Happiness. Ingratitude & making ill returns for Affection is one of the basest Vices of human Nature. When a Woman makes Use of the Power that she has over her Husband's Affections, to torture him with perpetual Contradiction & Disobedience, in hopes that his Affection will make him blind to her faults, or oblige him to forgive them, she then becomes the worse of Tyrants & Tormentors. Too great familiarity & Openness is hurtful in the married state. A married Woman ought never to declare all her thoughts, especially those that are of a disagreeable Nature, as nothing can be more unpleasing than a continual Dropping, or perpetual Succession of Complaints about Trifles. If a Woman is continually telling what she hates, & remembering every thing that has offended her, she both destroys her own Happiness & that of her family & likewise contracts a Habit of teasing & murmuring which must render her disagreeable to all that come within her Hearing. To overlook Trifles, & to support disagreeable sensations, is one of the most important Lessons that can be given to a young Woman entering into the Married State, as all the Quarrels & Bitternesses of a married life commonly arise from Trifles. A propensity to perpetual talking is as disagreeable as a sullen Silence. An Affectation of continual gaiety is disgusting & suspicious. But if a Woman studies her own Happiness, she will regulate herself entirely by the Taste of her Husband, as to retain his affection is of infinitely more importance to her, than to shine in Company, or to be esteemed a Wit by her Acquaintances. A Wife ought to delight in solitude or Company, Cheerfulness or Gravity, precisely as either the one or the other is agreeable to her Husband at the time, as she should never think of being happy alone, far less of placing her happiness in contradicting & tormenting him. It is agreeable to a Husband that his Wife should be esteemed by his friends & Acquaintances but it is far more agreeable to him, that she retain his Esteem & Affection. The Happiness of a Husband, even in the smallest Matters, ought never to be a Matter of Indifference to a Wife, far less ought she to give others to under

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stand that his Happiness is indifferent to her. If a Husband is driven from home by the perpetual Murmurs of a Wife, he must soon lose all Affection to her, and be in Danger of being tempted to bad Courses. If it does not appear from the whole of a Woman's Conduct that she desires to please her husband, she will soon be suspected of Want of Sense, or Want of Gratitude, & if she studies to please others more than her husband, she will give him Cause to suspect that he has lost her Affection, & that she is not happy in his Company. The fear of losing a suitable Marriage conceals many Defects in young Women, which show themselves as soon as that fear is over. It is honourable to a Wife when one can say of her that she takes as much Care to preserve her Husband's Esteem & Affection after Marriage, as she did to merit or attract it before

Marriage. Some Women give way to an entire Carelessness of Behaviour, & Neglect of all Moderation and good Manners, as soon as they have no longer to fear that their Behaviour will prevent their Marriage. Such Conduct is most base & ungenerous, as well as unjust & impolitic, as a Woman can never render her Husband unhappy without being to herself at the same time, & what a Diabolical Disposition must it be for a Woman to torment herself, merely in order to render that Man miserable, who has preferred her to many others, & put his Happiness in her Power? A full Contentment with our Circumstances is necessary for the Happiness of the married State. If a Woman indulges herself in making Comparisons betwixt her Husband & other Men, to his Disadvantage, let her only consider how ill, she should take it, if he were to entertain her with the Praises & Accomplishments of other Women. When a Woman marries by her own free Choice, all Complaints of her Husband or of any thing in his Circumstances are a Reproach to her Understanding, as well as a Proof of Ingratitude & Inconstancy. If both Husband & Wife do not find their greatest Happiness at home, & in the Company of each other it will be impossible for them to find it any where else. A good Beginning makes a good Ending. Both Parties ought to beware of the Beginning of Quarrels, & of a positive temper that will yield nothing to another. The Repeating of Grievances & remembering disagreeable Circumstances is likewise to be avoided with the utmost Care. There are disagreeable things

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enow [enough?] in life, without calling to Remembrance those that are past, or making troubles to ourselves, out of our own Imagination. To make the best of our own Circumstances, without wishing or thinking of a Change is the great Secret for obtaining happiness in a married Life. A Woman ought to consider whether it will be better for her to see her husband happy & well pleased, or miserable, sullen & tormented, as it depends on her conduct whether he shall be the one or the other. Frugality, cheerfulness, Neatness, Complaisance, Industry, Affection & good Manners, are the great Ornaments of a Wife, but none of these ought to be carried to extremes, as too much of one thing is good for nothing. But above all things Religion is the greatest Ornament, as it is the Rule & Measure of every thing else, & ties us to the Observance of our Duties to others, by a continual Sense of the Presence of God, and of our infinite Obligations to his Goodness. If we lack Wisdom, as we all do by Nature, we must daily ask it of God, & depend on his Grace to enable us to conduct ourselves in the Best Manner. A family in which God is forgotten & disregarded can never either be a wise nor an happy one. If we have no Gratitude to God for his infinite Benefits, how can it be expected that we should be thankful to Men for lesser ones. If we call on him, & endeavour to please him we may expect his Blessing, but if we forsake him, he will forsake us. Read your Bible, & endeavour to cultivate your Understanding, by knowing your Duty, & your Heart by daily practising it, & beware of departing from it, even in Thought. You will be sure of our good Wishes & Prayers for your welfare, but you must study to secure their effects by a modest, prudent and decent Behaviour. Your Mother is very mindful of your Concerns, & wishes that you may behave in the best Manner. I have written by Mr. Thornburg who set out yesterday, to Mrs. Ritchie to send the Cloak that you ordered by the first Opportunity. Write us all the Particulars of your Situation at length by first Opportunity. I shall desire Mr. Turnbull to do the like as far as Business permits. I have dispatched Six Letters to your friends in Scotland, to intimate to them the Change in your Situation. Pray let me always have the Pleasure of writing to them that you are doing well. Let us hear from you frequently, I am,

Dear Mary, Your affectionate Father,

Cha.s Nisbet

Carlifle, 12 th Nov. 1791.

I could not let the Bearin Mr. Willow depart, with out feranting you a lew lines , the it is rather to thow you how I intend to do in Juliar, than for any thing that I have hime to Jay to you just now. We are all concerned for poor Jons, who got a Bruile & Sprain in his left ankle this Day when he was about to leave us, as his Marke only arrived two Days ago. He had got up on a Bench in Mr. Pollethwaile', house, to be out of the Nay while the live was mending, in Happing down found his last had calched hold of tomothing be. hind him. which made him lote the Ballance of his Body, & knock his anhle against the andiron. I prain it at the same lime. The is much pained at prefent, but we hope that the applications that have been made to his day may give him Eafe. This you know is the focund Misferture that he has bought on himself for want of Thought. But there is no fuch thing as making lome People think . We received ~ your dellers by Gen. Giblen, as well as Mr. Turnbull's & your ler. mer Letters, & are glad that after all the latique of your Tourney you are takely telled at Pillsburgh. I hope that Mis Montgomery is lately arrived with my Letters. Prefent my Compliments to her, & lell her that I hope the will like Oilsburgh as well as her Siller and you have done. I have no lime to other you any advice, but you will remember that the Happines or Milery of a married Life depends -

grally on a right bullet, as londidence is either acquired or loll, while People are in lome Degree Strangers to each other, & if they would be admited to behave as they with to do to puch Stranger as they make welcome, it would not be a bad Rule of Conduct. Mr. Jurnbull know, how to act his Oard well, but that is a Reafon for your Mudying to act yours as well as prof. lible as those who behave well, have a Right to expect good Wage in Re. burn. When a Man has any one visible land, the Wife will foon thank that the may indulge herfelf in two & thus Injunes are multiplied without End, but the Wile of a Perfor of ineproachable Character, ought to have a Shiel Eye on her Behaviour, as the has no Opportunity of pleading for allowances on account of his Erross, & can not hone for himds if the lails in her Duly. In this licentions Age, even manied Wemen are not out of the Reach of Townstation. It if a Noman by Levily give in. couragement to it, which the may do with the greatest Innocence, and without the semoleft Intention of Evil, the may make herfelf miterable for Life by her Impundence & Want of Caution. Confidence once gain's is capily retained, but if a Norman does not from the very beginning than that the is worthy of Considence, the can not hope to arguine il afterwards. And where Contidence is wanting, every thing must be wanting. Ingality, Realnot & attention to family lencerus, are things of which you have some Experience, but it is now that you will be tentible of their Importance. To begin well, & to heep it always in one's Power to enlarge; & to be without lear of retrenching is bell for the

East of one's Mind, as well as that of their lireum Mances. Luxuny is as uples, as Mealings & decent Olenty are agrecable. You have no last to wander about, & I hope you will not let your Meighbour Mrs. Rob feduce you to any of the Balls at Mariella, Venango, or Sandufki. You have lett that Travelling is difagrecable, & I can alluse you that Sailing, especially in a lance, is neither lase nor pleasant. I hope that you will not pequent the Beat Munkings, or any Frolies on the other Side of the alleganny & Menengalicla, as the Indians may come to these Solemnities without Inuilation, not lo mention that we have Indian enow of our own, against whom a prudent Woman ought to be no les on her Guard Man if the dreaded Scalping & lomahawking, Let us have the Pleasure of hearing that you are happy & that you conduct yourfelf with Propriety in your Ilabion, which is all the Sahifaction that we can have of you at this Diffance: You can not imagine how great an Interest your Mother & I take in very thing that relates to your Mayminds and Reputation. Let us hear hom you often. I am,

Dear Many, your most affectionale Father, Cha. Nisbel. Carlisle, 12th Nov.r 1791

Dear Mary,

I could not let the Bearer Mr. Wilson depart, without scrawling you a few lines, tho' it is rather to show you how I intend to do in future, than for anything that I have time to say to you just now. We are all concerned for poor Tom, who got a Bruise & Sprain in his left ankle this Day when he was about to leave us, as his Horse only arrived two Days ago. He had got up on a Bench in Mr. Postlethwaite's house, to be out of the Way while the fire was mending, & in stepping down, found his foot had catched hold of something behind him, which made him lose the Ballance of his Body, & knock his ankle against the Andiron, & sprain it at the same time. He is much pained at present, but we hope that the Applications that have been made to his Leg may give him Ease. This you know is the second misfortune that he has brought on himself for want of Thought. But there is no such thing as making some People think. We received your Letters by Gen.1 Gibsen, as well as Mr. Turnbull's, & your former Letters, & are glad that after all the fatigue of your Journey you are safely settled at Pittsburgh. I hope that Miss Montgomery is safely arrived with my Letters. Present my compliments to her, & tell her that I hope she will like Pittsburgh as well as her Sister and you have done. I have no time to offer you any Advice, but you will remember that the Happiness or Misery of a married Life depends

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have felt that Travelling is disagreeable, & I can assure you that Sailing, especially in a Canoe, is neither safe nor pleasant. I hope that you will not frequent the Bear Huntings, or any Frolics on the other Side of the Alleganny & Monengahela, as the Indians may come to these solemnities without Invitation, not to mention that we have Indians enow of our own, against whom a prudent Woman ought to be no less on her Guard than of the dreaded Scalping & tomahawking. Let us have the Pleasure of hearing that you are happy & that you conduct yourself with Propriety in your Station, which is all the satisfaction that we can have of you at this Distance. You can not imagine how great an Interest your Mother & I take in every thing that relates to your Happiness and Reputation. Let us hear from you often. I am,

Dear Mary, Your most affectionate Father,

Cha.s Nisbet.

Dear Many, We received your of the 12th by Mr. Denny & lincere by hympathile with your Situation. Il was no Wonder that you thought of removing when you had heard of the lamentable Defeat of the army. You would have been very hindly occived here, but we hope you will be in Quiel lill Mr. Turnbull makes his intended Journey this Way in March next, & by that time it will be known what Government intend to do for the Defence of the Frontiers. Mrs. Tumbull's Trunk is brought here fale. The Waggoner is a very civil Man, & would hardly receive Payment for carrying it. I think you thould recommend him to Mr. Jumbull, if he has any thing to bring from Shiladdphia. We hope that you are now composed, but . we with to hear by every Opportunity of the Continuance of your Safely, & that your apprehentions have publised. Mr. Grier is to be the Beauer of this. I hope your People will give him a fair Hearing & afterwards a lall to be their Minister, as it is not like; by that they will get the Offer of buch another. Alifon is out of Town at Mis. Smith's, otherwise the would have written you Jom is expeded here in the End of want Week. The Weather has been clear, cold & day for a great While past, & sill continues 10. We have got three Sloves in our Meeting, but your Mother

is unearly with their Smoke of the Smell of the Iron . See that you mile us often; & let us know if your Meighbours are in any apprehentions of the Indians. I what Accounts you hear from Henlucky. a Report has prevailed here, that a Road was out out from Debroit to Pillsburgh, by Perfors unknown. But we can not think that it is have, or that the English have any Intentions of invading you . The no doubt they favour and privalely proport the Indians. I hope that Mr. Jurubull will Take lase to get you conveyed to the Iron Waks in take of any Danger. your Mother Jean lest you thould not be take there as the Indians may come by private Roads & in lover of the Woods, but I hope they have never come to far on this Side the River, and I puppole the Workmen have Arms & ammu nition. I hope that Orovidence may movide forme Defence before Summer next, but we have little but to put in the -Wildem of our Governors. Mr. Blaine may bring you a Letter how me before you receive this. Hoping to hear often from you & willing you many happy Hean, I am, Dear Many, your affectionale Father Cha! Nistel.

O. S. you did not mention how your People were pleased with Mr. Deany.

Carlisle, 27th Decr 1791.

Dear Mary,

We received yours of the 12th by Mr. Denny & sincerely sympathise with your Situation. It was no Wonder that you thought of removing when you had heard of the lamentable Defeat of the Army. You would have been very kindly received here, but we hope you will be in Quiet till Mr. Turnbull makes his intended journey this Way in March next, & by that time it will be known what Government intend to do for the Defence of the Frontiers. Mrs. Turnbull's Trunk is brought here safe. The Waggoner is a very civil Man, & would hardly receive Payment for carrying it, I think you should recommend him to Mr. Turnbull, if he has anything to bring from Philadelphia. We hope that you are now composed, but we wish to hear by every Opportunity of the Continuance of your Safety, & that your Apprehensions have subsided. Mr. Grier is to be the Bearer of this. I hope your People will give him a fair Hearing & afterwards a Call to be their Minister, as it is not likely that they will get the Offer of such another. Alison is out of Town at Mrs. Smith's, otherwise she would have written you Tom is expected here in the end of next this week. The Weather has been clear, cold & dry for a great While past, & still continues so. We have got three Stoves in our Meeting, but your Mother

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is uneasy with their Smoke & the Smell of the Iron. See that you write us often, & let us know if your Neighbours are in any apprehensions of the Indians & what Accounts you hear from Kentucky. A report has prevailed here, that a Road was cut out from Detroit to Pittsburgh, by Persons unknown. But we can not think that it is true, or that the English have any Intentions of invading you, tho' no doubt they favour and privately support the Indians. I hope that Mr. Turnbull will take care to get you conveyed to the Iron Works in case of any Danger. Your Mother fears lest you should not be safe there as the Indians may come by private Roads & in Cover of the Woods, but I hope they have never come so far on this Side the River. And I suppose the Workmen have Arms & Ammunition. I hope that Providence may provide some Defence before Summer next, but we have little trust to put in the wisdom of our Governors. Mr. Blaine may bring you a Letter from me before you receive this. Hoping to hear often from you & wishing you many happy Years, I am,

Dear Mary, Your affectionate Father

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Repetition of her unspeakable dufferings. Now it would be better for a Man to have forme of his Work neglected, than to be told normalizedly of the immetile I will that it has coft. But the left Noil that a Noman makes about her Work, the astainly referves the more Presile for it. I hope that peaceable times are a combing . It think your Town will enough, it many of it pre-Vent Inconveniences will be removed , walls with Refrect to Wood of Hands, at Danger hour the Indians. and I have never beend that it was unhealthful. The Want of a good Road is in. deed a great Grievance as you have experienced, but this may be comeled in force Measure loon, it People were allentive to their own Julast. Wo the many Roads that are desiping of ma. by Mark, by the Sufguehanna & the Municala, must hinder any one good Road for a confiderable line. Bowan of having too many confidents or of dealing in Justes. Contidents are apt to belong, I there is a general Confesionery for the Defeavory of Juste Soll among who who a submilled with them. I thole who an not. Bowan of repeating Grievanes, or moiving Contentions that are colind. Enter into no Parties nor undertake the Allack or Deforce of the Characters of particular Polons. Defend that that are innocently accused, it do not blame any one unnecessarily. We often have laute to sepont that we have proken, but rarely that we have been filest. To Jay any thing that comes in our heads, which is a Rule with many Women , is cathemely dangerous, I may have bad lonfiquences ; wen when no wil is intended, it it is loo late to plead the Innounce of no Intentions when the Evil is actually Jone. Be more ready to bear them to preak, altho you thould not be much pleafed or dified by what you hear. Hever talk much of yourfelf, or your own lowerens or Connections, as puls Convertation is very apt to differt a may be thought to boom of Vanily. Bowan of Companions which are odiens, to a Provert. Walch against violent Pass; one, I immoderate allachments or antipathies, or telling what you hate oppositly in common or indifferent things. Do not be at the Pains to contradict or correct every things which you hear wrong related, I let all your Interferences in the Convertation of others be that carry of moderate. Standy Peace of good agreement, without intermediting, or talling yourtell up as a Judge of the Differences of other which is a very thankless office & proces much ill Will. a Woman who peaks a good real is never well offermed, the the thould lay nothing that is impostinent or and most People love to well to bear themstelves talk. That they are dispolated with any Orden who takes any confi devable Part in the Convertation. It is hard to be always a Meaner . but me may give their Opinion, when needpany, in a low Word, a oftenhiner it is not needpany at all to give our Opinion. How may think that these directions are mediles or hilling, but on your Objensation of them a good deal of your Peace, it your Character among your Reighbours must neceparity depend. It is from little things community that goes ones lake their Rife, & most of the Contentions & lumities in Society over their Origin to more Trifles. Be allestive to the actual Confequences of different Lot of Behaviour, a remain ber that a Moman will not be well pooke of who less her thanader be known all at once. Bowers of probabe Compliments to Strangers , or oficious & boutlefor Civilibies; which diffull inflied of obliging. Office Moderation in every thing . I hence of Props. line as much as of Menowurf. To not continue long in Company, I gen will comfull your own Mappinch as well as that of others. Indeasons to be copy, it to make all

other about you capy, it never interduce any troubleform, or difagrees il when introduced by others. Do not fafter your Janger to be suffled, anger befor others. A Moman in a Passion is a most disagreeable Obja are most nearly concerned with her. allend to every thing that you fee worn, it is of others, not to tell it again, but to bessen of during the like yourfelf. It indeavens to probit by your own towns as well as by those of others. Good Halue, Mildreds, & Complaifance are the juice cipal Prinaments of the temale Character, need to Keligini & Virtue. Beware of Thoughtlefunch , on of peaking & acting of handom, Let not your Hulband wer magin that it is indifferent to you whether he is pleased or displeased, a never offer to give a Kengen for any thing that necessarily disp pleases or gives Offence. Every Body will be diffileafed with us when we thou no Regard to their Ocace, or to their Elleun & Spinion. A Woman who endeuvers to thins in Company will often ex pold heefelf well will never gain Ellerm. The left things may capily be loved into be sould they are inholund unfeatunably, or too often repealed, or too long infifted on . Beware of tellog formal stones, as those who deat in this are often supreded of Embelishments, or varying in their Marrahon; as well as lable to offend by Repetition or Proberty. Be paining in your Remarks, on the stones low by others, a lew of them will bear libition, of the telator is true to be offered . when any unlavourable Observations are made, however ingenieur, or well-sounded. Never lack the Begulation of a Wil. as the World, the unjuffly, always prefred that a Woman of Wil has many ill Qualities, which the takes this Method of consealing. Give others, Occasion of sugrelling that you preak to little , rather than of complisining that you freak to much. The Silence of a Woman is always mon approved than the best things that the can fay, & it often requires more Wildow & Refolution to be filest, than to lay good things. Diffruft the Pratter & compliments of others of perially if you observe that they are Dealers is put Wares , & put them off to wary Body. I have no Occarmences to write you from this Place. you know that I live in volitude to we little of other People's affairs. But as I am anxious for your Happinch & good the to the contribute to it is any other Way at this Diff. once than by fragelling good to be you I hope you will astend to them . A look over their beginning I have to say a singlance with Manhond, & you will find more life valvous always worthward by men use, Il I was not four that thet Hints were for your Welface I would neither give myself the Twalle of writing them, nor you that of reading them. and I hope you will pay a Regard to what I juggelf to you at a Diffance rather more than if I were making land Discourses to you in perfer about your Behaviour. Beware of pay. ing or seceiving Vilis on Sabballes, or giving any licouragement to that Gradice, as with mell People it is not possible to how such conversation as will be even tolerable. Let me hear from you prequently. It he affered that I take the quality Interest inevery thing that whater to your Happings & good Character. I have defined your Siller to write you of agreed Mr. addition to be the Beaver of this. When you hear of any body coming this Way , by to have a deller needy bo them when they fet out as I am doing full norm, Humanber me to Mr. Turnbull of all friends with you . I am,

Dear Many your affestionale Tather Cha. Wisbet.

Carlisle, 30th July, 1792.

Dear Mary,

We received yours of the 20th by Post, but that which you say you wrote from Hadley's, never came to hand. It was great Grief to us to hear of your two falls, but we cannot help thinking that both you & Mr. Turnbull must have been too careless, and we wonder that after your first Fall, you should immediately have caught a second. Misfortunes, it is said, seldom come single, but it is the greatest Misfortune to be careless, as that may produce great Numbers of others. This Place is very sickly at present, & Fluxes are raging among young & old. Many People are dying, both in the Town & Country. We have Reason to be thankful that we are all in good health. Mr. Jonathan Walker's child is dead, & he & Mrs. Walker are in this Town at present. The weather has been cool and cloudy for some Days, but there has been but little Rain. Write us when you get in to your own House, and especially how you keep your Health, as we are still afraid that the effects of your fall & fright may stick to you. Take care of your self even in moving about the House & do not imagine that you may take the same freedom as others, or as you yourself might have done formerly. You will be exposed to company, which is a Great Trial to a young Woman. Do not talk familiarly with every Body that visits you, & remember that all Visitors are not true friends, but that many come to spy you, & to get something to tell to your Disadvantage. Give no Materials to such as these, and this you can not do, without keeping up a decent Reserve in general. You need not tell to every one any unfavourable Opinion that you may have of others, as they will be diligent to repeat it, & perhaps with additions. Most Quarrels owe their Rise to needless speaking of the Characters of others & officiously circulating these Opinions. Give no Countenance to light or indecent Conversation, & neither join in it, nor hear it on account. A woman that does not testify her Displeasure by leaving the Company when any improper Conversation is introduced, is supposed to be used to it, or to delight in it, silence or affecting not to understand what is said, is no Defence against this Suspicion. As you know that my Life has not many Comforts, & that it will be one of the chief of them to hear that you are happy, & conducting yourself with Propriety. I hope you will endeavour to give me this Satisfaction as much as possible, especially as it will be no less for your own good. Observe Moderation in every thing, & never speak for the Sake of entertaining the Company. Let them find Entertainment for themselves, & be you content with your own share in Conversation. Never interrupt any Person's Discourse, except in the Case of swearing falshood, Indelicacy or Impertinence. Never use more Words than are necessary, & be careful to think before you speak. Never admit any Testing on serious Subjects, nor encourage those who do so. Be contented with your Lot, & think how many are in far worse situations. As you do not want Books, nor an Inclination to Reading, you are under no Necessity of going about idly to other Peoples Houses, to entreat them to help you to get rid of your time. Let the affairs of your House & family be your daily study, & endeavour to do every thing in its proper time, & in the best Manner, without Noise, Hurry, or Bustle. Let the Effects of your Case be seen rather than heard of, for some notable House wives are not content with doing their Duty, but are eternally talking over what they have done, & what a World of trouble it has cost them, how ill they are used, & what immense Patience they are obliged to exert, even when they are showing the greatest Impatience. A Woman loses all the Merit of her Thrift & Diligence, if she makes a parade of it in this Manner & shuns her Husband & family by the continual

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Repetition of her unspeakable Sufferings. Now it would be better for a Man to have some of his work neglected, than to be told perpetually of the immense Trouble that it has cost. But the less noise that a Woman makes about her Work, she certainly deserves the more Praise for it. I hope that peaceable times are a coming, & that your Town will encrease & many of its present Inconveniencies will be removed, both with Respect to Want of Hands, & Danger from the Indians. And I have never heard that it was unhealthful. The Want of a good road is indeed a great Grievance, as you have experienced, but this may be corrected in some Measure soon, if People were attentive to their own Interest, tho' the many Roads that are devising at once, by York, by the Susquehanna, & the Juniata, must hinder any one good Road for a considerable time. Beware of having too many confidants, or of dealing in Secrets. Confidants are apt to betray, & there is a general Conspiracy for the Discovery of Secrets, both among those who are entrusted with them, & those who are not. Beware of repeating Grievances, or receiving contentions that are extinct. Enter into no Parties, nor undertake the Attack or Defence of the Characters of particular Persons. Defend those that are innocently accused, & do not blame any one unnecessarily. We often have cause to repent that we have spoken, but rarely that we have been silent. To say anything that comes in our heads, which is a Rule with many Women, is extremely dangerous, & may have bad consequences, even when no evil is intended, & it is too late to plead the Innocence of ones Intentions when the Evil is actually done. Be more ready to hear than to speak, altho' you should not be pleased or edified by what you hear. Never talk much of yourself, or your own concerns or connexions, as such conversation is very apt to disgust, & may be thought to savour of Vanity. Beware of Comparisons which are odious, to a Proverb. Watch against violent Passions, & immoderate attachments or antipathies, or telling what you hate, especially in common or indifferent things. Do not be at the Pains to contradict or correct every thing which you hear wrong related, & let all your Interferences in the Conversations of others be short, easy, & moderate. Study Peace & good Agreement, without intermeddling, or setting yourself up as a Judge of the Differences of others, which is a very thankless office & promises much ill will. A Woman who speaks a great Deal, is never well esteemed, tho' she should say nothing that is impertinent or amiss. And most People love so well to hear themselves talk, that they are displeased with every Person who takes any considerable Part in the Conversation. It is hard to be always a Hearer, but one may give their opinions, when necessary, in a few Words, & oftentimes it is not necessary at all to give our Opinions. You may think that these Directions are needless or trifling, but on your observation of them a great Deal of your Peace, & your Character among your Neighbours must necessarily depend. It is from little things commonly that great ones take their Rise, & most of the Contentions & Enmities in Society owe their Origin to mere Trifles. Be attentive to the actual Consequences of different sorts of Behaviour, & remember that a Woman will not be well spoke of, who lets her Character be known all at once. Beware of profuse Compliments to strangers, or officious & troublesome Civilities which disgust instead of obliging. Observe moderation in every thing, & beware of Profusion as much as of Narrowness. Do not continue long in Company, & you will compell your own Happiness as well as that of others. Endeavor to be easy, & to make all

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others about you easy, & never introduce any troublesome, or disagreeable [Page torn, words missing] il when introduced by others. Do not suffer your Temper to be ruffed. [Page torn, words missing your anger before others. A woman in a Passion is most disagreeable Object [ct added, page torn, words missing] who are most nearly concerned with her. Attend to everything that you see [Page torn, words missing] conduct of others, not to tell it again, but beware of doing the like yourself, & endeavour to profit by your own Errors, as well as by those of others. Good Nature, Mildness, & Complaisance are the Principal Ornaments of the female Character, next to Religion & virtue. Beware of Thoughtlessness, or of speaking & acting at Random. Let not your Husband ever imagine that it is indifferent to you whether he is pleased or displeased, & never offer to give a Reason for anything that necessity displeases or gives Offense. Every Body will be displeased with us when we show no Regard to their Peace, or to their Esteem & Opinion. A Woman who endeavours to shine in Company will often expose herself, but will never gain esteem. The best things may easily be turned into [Page torn, words missing] they are introduced unseasonably, or too often repeated, or too long insisted on. Beware of telling formal Stories, as those who deal in this are often suspected of Embellishments, or varying in the Narration, as well as liable to offend by Repetition or Prolixity. Be sparing in your Remarks on the Stories told by others, as few of them will bear Criticism, & the Relator is sure to be offended, when any unfavourable Observations are made, however ingenious, or well-founded. Never seek the Reputation of a Wit, as the World, tho' unjustly, always suspect that a Woman Of Wit has many ill Qualities, which she takes this Method of concealing. Give others Occasion of regretting that you speak so little, rather than of complaining that you speak so much. The Silence of a Woman is always more approved than the best things that she can say, & it often requires more Wisdom & Reputation to be silent, than to say good things. Distrust the Praises & Compliments of others, especially if you observe that they are Dealers in such Wares, & put them off to every Body. I have no Occurrences to write you from this Place. You know that I live in Solitude, & know little of other People's Affairs. But as I am anxious for your Happiness & good Character, & cannot contribute to it in any other Way at this Distance than by suggesting good advices to you, I hope you will attend to them, & look over them frequently. I have had acquaintance with Mankind, & you will find my Observations always confirmed by Experience. If I were not sure that these Hints were for your welfare, I would neither give myself the Trouble of writing them, nor you that of reading them. And I hope you will pay a Regard to what I suggest to you at a Distance rather more than if I were making long Discourses to you in person, about your Behaviour. Beware of paying or receiving Visits on Sabbaths, or giving any encouragement to that Practice, as with most People it is not possible to hold such conversation as will be even tolerable. Let me hear from you frequently & be assured that I take the greatest Interest in every thing that relates to your Happiness & good Character. I have desired your Sister to write you & expect Mr. Addison to be the Bearer of this. When you hear of anybody coming this Way, try to have a Letter ready for them when they set out, as I am doing just now. Remember me to Mr. Turnbull & all friends with you. I am

> Dear Mary Your affectionate Father

> > Cha.s Nisbet.

Dear Mary, Carlifle, 20 th October, 1792.

We received Mr. Turnbull's Letter of the 12 th curs! containing the News of your fale Delivery on the 11th you could not be more happy on that Occapion, than your Mother & I were on receiving the Hows of it, which we did not expect to hear of to pour But altho your Delivery is over, your Mother is thill anserious about you, as Nomen in your Situation require much lase, & are exposed to to many Accidents, which young Women ofpe cially are formetimes not except enough to avoid, The hopes that you will take thriet lan of your Health, for fear of Kelaphes, & that you will not talk much to these who come to vilit you, like you have in a good Meapure recovered your Strength, & that you will beware of Motion Will the Month is expired. The wifes thewife to be informed of every thing relating to your Health, & that of your thild. We hope that Abifor will indeavour to be ferviccable to you, ofpecially during your Confinement. I had just returned from a Journey to york, when Mr. Jurnbull's Letter arrived, & as we had no Mine, your Mother allowed us a Bowl of Brandy Punch to drink to your happy Recovery of the Health of your Child. Jell Abjon that Mrs. Bowie is arrived, & expects to fee her at york with her first lenveniency. The is a very genteel & ferfible young Noman, & I can affuse you has not come emply, having brought a Waggon Load & a half of Baggage, which must have cold a great Deal of Money. Mip Sujanna Thomson died here on Salurday last, as you would have from our Newspaper. Mip Beggy Smith was married gefternight to Mr. Arthur of Pine grove, your Mother has been prelly well fince alifon left us. Ild us know how the keeps her Wealth, & whether the & the young girls are helpful to you in your theng keeping. We had a high Wind here on Friday last Week, by which the Methodist Meding house was blown down , but I hear of no other Damage . Mrs . Bowie brought me very little Hows , & only one Lotter from Scotland, viz from Capt. Sheart, who is thill very tender, & who loft his Nife last year. The hast a Short Passage of five Weeks & three days from Grunoch to New york, The Ship had only lifty leven Paplengers. One of thom was a While of Mr. Jodd's of Long offand, who had been at Greenock to be her two annh, who are felled there. another of them was a Mrs. Turnbull, the Wife of a Merchant formarly in the Lucken booker, I now in New York, who is come over to her hufband, who has been liften years

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your affectionale father,

Cha. Nisbel.

Dear Mary,

We received Mr. Turnbull's Letter of the 12th containing the News of your safe Delivery on the 11th. You could not be more happy on that Occasion, than your Mother & I were on receiving the News of it, which we did not expect to hear of so soon. But altho' your Delivery is over, your Mother is still anxious about you, as Women in your situation require much Care, & are exposed to so many Accidents, which young Women especially are sometimes not careful enough to avoid. She hopes that you will take strict Care of your Health, for fear of Relapses, & that you will not talk much to those who come to visit you, till you have in a good Measure recovered your Strength, & that you will beware of Motion till the Month is expired. She wishes likewise to be informed of every thing relating to your Health, & that of your Child. We hope that Alison will endeavour to be serviceable to you, especially during your Confinement. I had just returned from a Journey to York, when Mr. Turnbull's Letter arrived, & as we had no Wine, your Mother allowed us a Bowl of Brandy Punch to drink to your happy Recovery & the Health of your Child. Tell Alison that Mrs. Bowie is arrived, & expects to see her at York with her first Conveniency. She is a very genteel & sensible young Woman, & I can assure you has not come empty, having brought a Waggon Load & a half of Baggage, which must have cost a great Deal of Money. Miss Susanna Thomson died here on Saturday last, as you would learn from our Newspaper. Miss Peggy Smith was married yesternight to Mr. Arthur of Pine Grove. Your Mother has been pretty well since Alison left us. Let us know how she keeps her Health, & whether she & the young Girls are helpful to you in your House-keeping. We had a high Wind here on Friday last Week, by which the Methodist Meeting-house was blown down, but I hear of no other Damage. Mrs. Bowie brought me very little News, & only one Letter from Scotland, viz. from Capt. Stuart, who is still very tender, & who lost his Wife last Year. She had a Short Passage of five Weeks & three days from Greenock to New York. The Ship had only fifty seven Passengers. One of them was a Child of Mr. Todd's of Long Islands who had been at Greenock to see her two Aunts, who are settled there. Another of them was a Mrs. Turnbull, the Wife of a Merchant formerly in the Lucken booths, & now in New York, who is come over to her husband, who has been Fifteen Years

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the Queen of France is murdered & that the King has made his Escape, but whether he is now alive or not, is not known. The Prussian & Austrian Army was within thirty miles of Paris. England & Scotland are full of Complaints against the Government, & there has been Insurrections in Sutherland & Ross Shire on Account of the Turnpike Acts. Remember us kindly to Mr. Turnbull & family, & all friends with you, I ever am,

Dear Mary, Your affectionate Father,

Cha.s Nisbet

Dear Mary, Carlifle, 10th May. 1792.

We received your of the 2 curi & though me were glad to receive an account of your Welfare from your own hand, your Mother was apprehentive left over that might not have been loc much bouble for you in your prefent Condition. She was glad to hear that you had gal to far clean of your Sore Breath & the Weed, but the wither to hear from you again for the more lecurity, as Relays to of these things are not uncommon. With Regard to the Rame of your Child, altho what you propose, must be agreeable to her yet the added in her hefitating they , that if there was any of referred, you might do for but the Meaning of all this is, that the takes it kindly and out expected it. as I confest I did. We hope you will continue to take lase of your health, as with Regard to your thild. we think it would be needless to recommend lasepularly to you, as your own Affections will lead you to this, without any Keymmeridation on our part. Your Mother was much pleased with your withing that the fan your thill. I I dose fay wither it as fincerely as you. It has been proposed that the a Mrs. Duncas thould conse up legether next spring, but this is at a Diffance , We are glad to hear that Alifon has secovered her health. your Mother haves it to her Choice either to return before the find it most convenient. No Dost the Indian Summer is now over & Opportunity of proper Company for to long a Tourney is not every day to take land of her health, & to reluje all Invitations to Reighing or going with you all Winter. We are glad to bear that the & the hirls are ferviceas will be happy with Hoem. Your Mother thinks the is five that they will be ex attention they thowed to every thing of which they took the Charge when here, We have no Occurrences of This Place to communicate, as the Papers would inform you of the Death of Mr. Holmer at Ballimore, Her Children are to be less to their Grand mother here. Mr. Thornbury's Children are now fent to Bal limore, to which place their father removed forme time ago, Jell alifon that one of Mr. Me Farquhar's Daughter is now at york with Miss Bowie & that Mis Belley Wolves went down on a Vipil to Donnegal a few Days ago. Your Mother & I are in ordinary Health. I. Week at the Courts but Haid only lour Days. The Boy that uper to peres us, & engaged to May all Winter. Mrs. Willow prevailed on your Molling with Mils Holmes her Sifter to Mr. Me Farquhar's promiting that he Days, as the has a Megro Girl to bring up from Minitook. and the this was very income.

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Carlisle, 10th Nov.r 1792.

Dear Mary,

We received yours of the 2d cur.t & though we were glad to receive an Account of your Welfare from your own hand, your Mother was apprehensive lest even that might not have been too much trouble for you in your present Condition. She was glad to hear that you had got so far clear of your sore Breath & the Weed, but she wishes to hear from you again for the more security, as Relapses of those things are not uncommon. With Regard to the Name of your Child, altho' what you propose, must be agreeable to her, yet she added in her hesitating Way, that if there was any other Name which you preferred, you might do so; but the Meaning of all this is that she takes it kindly, & no doubt expected it,. - as I confess I did. We hope you will continue to take Care of your health, as with Regard to your Child, we think it would be needless to recommend Carefulness to you, as your own Affections will lead you to this, without any Recommendation on our part. Your Mother was much pleased with your wishing that she saw your Child, & I dare say wishes it as sincerely as you. It has been proposed that she and Mrs. Duncan should come up together next Spring, but this is at a Distance. We are glad to hear that Alison has recovered her health. Your Mother leaves it to her Choice either to return before Winter or not, as you and she find it most convenient. No doubt the Indian Summer is now over, & the [Two words illegible] about breaking, & Opportunity of proper Company for so long a Journey is not every day to met with [Three words illegible] Need to take Care of her health, & to refuse all Invitations to sleighing or going on the [Two words illegible] stays with you all Winter. We are glad to hear that she & the Girls are serviceable to you & hope that you will be happy with them. Your Mother thinks she is sure that they will be excellent Nurses from the great attention they showed to every thing of which they took the Charge when here. We have no Occurrences of this Place to communicate, as the Papers would inform you of the Death of Mrs. Holmes at Baltimore. Her Children are to be sent to their Grand-mother here. Mr. Thornbury's Children are now sent to Baltimore to which place their father removed some time ago. Tell Alison that one of Mr. McFarquhar's Daughters is now at York with Mrs. Bowie, and that Miss Betsey Holmes went down on a Visit to Donnegal a few Days ago. Your Mother and I are in ordinary Health. Tom was here last Week at the Courts, but staid only four Days. The Boy that used to serve Mr. Parker is now with us, & engaged to stay all Winter. Mrs. Wilson prevailed on your Mother to let us go along with Miss Holmes her Sister to Mr. McFarquhar's, promising that he would return in a few Days as she has a Negro Girl to bring up from Mrs. Cook. And tho' this was very inconve-

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nient for us, we were obliged to consent to it. We were somewhat uneasy to learn from the Papers that your Garrison was to leave you, & to proceed to Head Quarters. We hope that this is not true, or at least that a part of the Troops will be left for the Defence of your Place during the Winter. Perhaps Winter will be your best Defence. We read with much Concern of the Mischief that the Indians are doing to the Southward, & hope that some Stop may be put to it, as otherwise their Success might be an Encouragement to the more Northern Indians. We were sorry that Miss Grant, Mrs. Addison's sister did not call here when she passed thro' this Place. She brought me a Letter from Capt. Ritchie at Philadelphia, but the Gentleman who conducted her

being in haste, she did not call here. The Letter was delivered by Mr. Bowie, who did not bring his wife along with him to this Court, as we expected. Mr. Bowie brought over Mr. Thomson's Memoirs of his own Life, which are quite characteristic, & contain a faithful Description of the Extravagancies of the Author. Your Mother has read them over with very great Attention, & Mr. Bowie left them with us. He is now in Edinburgh, in a State that differs little from Begging, having nothing to live on except the Sale of his Memoirs. Your Mother has had a Letter from your Acquaintance Mrs. Tod at Long Island, whom you will remember to have seen at Princeton. She is well & desires your Mother to write her. A Daughter [*Two words illegible*] who had been at Greenock to see her Aunts, came over in the same ship with Mrs. Bowie, in five Weeks & three Days. Her Mother had not seen her when she wrote her Letter, but only heard of her Arrival. We have had no Letters from Scotland since we wrote you, tho' we expected sundry long ago. If we should receive any, we will inform you of the contents. Tell Alison that the oldest Miss Chambers was married to Mr. Kelso at the River two or three Days ago. Let us hear from you soon. Remember us to Mr. Turnbull & all friends with you. We shall omit no Opportunity of letting you hear of our Welfare. I ever am,

Dear Mary, Your affectionate Father,

Cha.s Nisbet.

Having already answered your of the 2° cur! on Jahurday last . I thould not have had any Occasion to mile you at prefent , but finding that Mr. Me Rechan was going to your Mace your Mother thought proper to give him the Trouble of carriging a Couple of Frocks for your thild, the bell that could be got here. Having lipewife been making force Quitts for her Jea- Robble, five has put up one for you. We that be bappy to hear of the Continuance of your good Health, as we got no Letter by last Ook but as Mrs. Mahon wrote her Mother of Alifon', Welfare , without bying any thing of you , we hoped that you were continuing well. Mrs . Thomfor is to leave this Place on Monday, to proceed by way of your Slace to Thentucky. The Paper will have informed you of the Death of Mrs. M' Cofkry on Monday last. She died of a Diferer in her Stomach, which began with a violent Vomiling. The with Intervals, In the Beginning of left Neck the was prepoled to be rice. vering, but the Dithel returning, the was from carried off. I cathed for the Doctor this Day, who is very difeouplate. Mr. McHechan propoles to telle at Greenburgh, but women first to fee your Place. Tell Alifen that Mile Wolanes has returned from Mr. Me Tarquetar's & informed us that Mil Mancy had Plaid eight Tays at york with Mrs. Bowie & was returned. Mrs. Blaine, Mrs. Me Coffery's Rieu , was lately delivered of a Daughter, but being continued on that account, was not able to fee her aunt during her Sicherep. Holling has occurred with Relation to any. other of her acquaintances. I hope Alifon gives you Content by affiling you in your houghold Alfain, & by heeping at home. She ought not to make many lips. Tell Mr. Jurnbull that I thought to have heard how him, but begin to apprehend that either the Drought has doid up his Ink, or that his Den is not in Blatt, any more than his furnace & Diffillery. The Speech of the Orefidant paper Highly over the Difobedience that has been given to the Excite Law, & the ill Success of our Megoliation with the Indian. I with that the Troops may not be wholly removed from you, while the State of affairs believed us & the Indians is to threatening. We hope you take lase of your Wealth, & do not expect to be throng all of once. The Weather begins to let in told , with hoar-frost in the Morning , the it is Hill dry, at the Air is mild in the Middle of the Day. We have at last got a good

Shower, but our Wells here are Mallow & Muddy, on account of the long Droughel. your Mother defines me to acquaint you that the Muflin the fent you had been a little Hained with Mud, but the chofe to take that Biece that was Hained, rather than the End of the Web. When you hear of any Perfor coming this Way, we expect that you will take the Opportunity of writing us, or make alifon write when you are not at lifure. We will indeavour to do the fame when we have of any body ging to Pillsburgh. When we get any Letter from Scotland, we will not negled to inform you of the Contents. your Mother is always very buy & does not weary, the very len Sconle ever call here, pince Alifon left us. I go as beldem out as I used to do, & your Mother never goes out except to thurch, or when the has nechany Bubinets in the Town, We expect a hard Minter, & from the Colones of the dir it is probable that it will be early. We hope you have now got your House publicionly prepared for the bad Weather, & that you will be fewer hom the Indians. Id us hear from you by every Opportunity. I am,

Dear Many .

your affectionale Father,

Cha. Nishel.

Carlisle, Nov.r 15th. 1792.

Dear Mary,

Having already answered yours of the 2d cur.t on Saturday last, I should not have had any Occasion to write you at presents but finding that Mr. McKeehan was going to your Place your Mother thought proper to give him the Trouble of carrying a Couple of Frocks for your Child, the best that could be got here. Having likewise been making some Quills for her Tea-Kettle, she has put up one for you. We shall be happy to hear of the Continuance of your good Health, as we got no Letter by last Post, but as Mrs. Mahon wrote her Mother of Alison's Welfare, without saying any thing of you, we hoped that you, were continuing well. Mrs. Thomson is to leave this Place on Monday to proceed by way of your State to Kentucky. The Papers will have informed you of the Death of Mrs. McCoskry on Monday last. She died of a Disorder of the Stomach, which began with a violent Vomiting, tho' with Intervals. In the Beginning of last Week she was supposed to be recovering, but the Disease returning, she was soon carried off. I called for the Doctor this Day, who in very Disconsolate. Mr. McKeehan proposes to settle at Greensburgh, but comes first to see your Place. Tell Alison that Miss Holmes has returned from Mr. McFarquhar's & informed us that Miss Nancy had staid eight Days at York with Mrs. Bowie & was returned. Mrs. Blaine, Mrs. McCoskry's Niece was lately delivered of a Daughter, but being confined on that Account, was not able to see her Aunt during her sickness. Nothing has occurred with Relation to any other of her Acquaintances. I hope Alison gives you content by assisting you in your household Affairs & by keeping at home. She ought not to make many Visits. Tell Mr. Turnbull that I thought to have heard from him, but begin to apprehend that either the Drought has dried up his Ink, or that his Pen is not in Blast, any more than his furnace & Distillery. The Speech of the President passes slightly over the Disobedience that has been given to the Excise Law, & the ill Success of our Negotiation with the Indians. I wish that the Troops may not be wholly removed from you, while the State of Affairs betwixt us and the Indians in so threatening. We hope you take Care of your Health & do not expect to be strong all at once. The Weather begins to set in cold, with hoar-frosts in the Morning, tho' it is still dry, & the Air is mild in the Middle of the Day. We have at last got a good

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Shower, but our Wells are shallow & Muddy, on Account of the long Drought. Your Mother desires me to acquaint you that the Muslin she sent you had been a little stained with Mud, but she chose to take that Piece that was stained rather than the End of the Web. When you hear of any Person coming this Way, we expect that you will take the Opportunity of writing us, or make Alison write when you are not at Leisure. We will endeavor to do the same when we hear of any body going to Pittsburgh. When we get any Letters from Scotland, we will not neglect to inform you of the Contents. Your Mother is always very busy & does not weary, tho' very few People ever call here, since Alison left us. I go as seldom out as I used to do, & your Mother never goes out except to Church, or when she has necessary Business in the Town. We expect a hard Winter, & from the Coldness of the Air it is probable that it will be early. We hope you have now got your House sufficiently prepared for the bad Weather, & that you will be secure from the Indians. Let us hear from you by every Opportunity. I am,

Dear Mary, Your affectionate Father,

Cha.s Nisbet.

I received yours of the 7th our! by Mr. Christic this Day. It was delivered in my 16. Jence to your Mother. I returned only this Alleredon from Dr. M. Manghton's, to which I went on Saturday last. & lock your Brother along with me. Il gives me Pleasure to hear that you & your thite are in good health, but I am unearly to hear of your lean of the Savages. You know my americally to your Welfare and the Tranquillity of your Mind. & that it will not be in my Power to be capy, while I have reason to think that you are in Danger. I am twe I that fuller more hour this, than if your were all to flay here till the Conclusion of the Distantances of the Indians. Mr. Turnbull Juvely can not be happy unless you are not only in Safety, but convinced that you are to. It you were put into at Waggon & convoyed to Beiferd, I charge my felf with all the Confequences afterwards, & to get you returned when it will be predent for you to return. I know your Neighboren with be telling you that they are in profect Safely, but if you can not but their Afterances, it is fusely best for you to come away as foon as possible. It can be no Trouble to us to have you here, in Comparison with the constant threating & unpeakable anxiety that we must feel in thinking that you are in Alarm & Danger, while we are here in Safety. I wrote you by Post of your Sifter's take arrival. The continues well, as we are all at prefent. We had a Letter from Mr. Welfh, dated 22 January, informing us that all our Relations were well, except your and at Stanhope, who is afflicted with a Droppy which came buddenly upon her, after the had befored most leverely by a Vorniting & Perging of Blood. The has been once tapped, & endured that Operation with great fortiliste, notwithflanding the exchangled . Slade of her Body, & is not even afraid of a Repetition of it, which Mr. Welfer Jays will be foon necessary. He does not lay what Expeditions the Phylicians had of her lune. Mi is quiet now in Scotland . Tho' a Spirit of Mobbing & Sedition had thown it fell lately , but as it appeared by the Addrepes of these who are content with Government & abhor a French Revolution, that the fedition ous were only the Dregs of the People, & What wery Person of Confequence, Character & Property are on the Side of Government. I repolared to proport the British Confliction, the Mobbing Party are obliged to be quiet. I are now prevented from wreppending with the French Mob. I had

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your afectionale Father,

Cha. Nisbel.

Carlisle, 16th April, 1793.

Dear Mary,

I received yours of the 7th by Mr. Christie this Day. It was delivered in my Absence to your Mother. I returned only this Afternoon from Dr. McNaughton's, to which I went on Saturday last, & took your Brother along with me. It gives me Pleasure tohear that you & your Child are in good health, but I am uneasy to hear of your fears of the Savages. You know my Anxiety for your Welfare and the Tranquillity of your Mind & that it will not be in My Power to be easy, while I have reason to think that you are in Danger. I am sure I shall suffer more from this, than if you were all to stay here till the Conclusion of the Disturbances of the Indians. Mr. Turnbull surely can not be happy unless you are not only in Safety, but convinced that you are so. If you were put into a Waggon & conveyed to Bedford, I charge my self with all the Consequences afterwards, & to get you returned when it will be prudent for you to return. I know your Neighbours will be telling you that they are in perfect Safety, but if you can not trust their Assurances, it is surely best for you to come away as soon as possible. It can be no Trouble to us to have you here, in Comparison with the constant Uneasiness & unspeakable Anxiety that we must feel in thinking that you are in Alarm & Danger, while we are here in Safety. I wrote you by Post of your Sister's safe arrival. She continues well, as we are all at present. We had a Letter from Mr. Welsh, dated 22d January, informing us that all our relations were well, except your Aunt at Stanhope, who is afflicted with a Dropsy which came suddenly upon her, after she had suffered most severely by a vomiting & Purging of Blood. She has been once tapped, & endured that Operation with great fortitude, notwithstanding the exhausted State of her Body & is not even afraid of a Repetition of it, which Mr. Welsh says will be soon necessary. He does not say what expectation the Physician had of her Cure. All is quiet now in Scotland, tho' a Spirit of Mobbing & Sedition had thrown itself lately, but as it appeared by the addresses of those who are content with Government & abhor a French Revolution, that the seditious were only the Dregs of the People, & that every Person of Consequence, Character & Property are on the Side of Government, & resolved to support the British Constitution, the Mobbing Party are obliged to be quiet, & are now prevented from corresponding with the French Mob. I had

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very uneasy. Let us hear of you frequently, but we would be much happier to see you. I ever am,

Dear Mary, Your affectionate Father,

Dear Many, Carlifle, 8th Nov. 1793,

I wrote you talely by Mr. Blaine, who, I hope, arrived in Safety. But finding the Bearer Mr. Smith returning to Pillsburgh, I take the Opportuni. by of informing you that your Mather continues to mend, & is how able to walk up & down Stain. Her appelite for lood is better, than it used to be in hor and many Health, but the must take case of herfelf for some time before the recover any conliberable Degree of Strongth. We can not tell what to make of the Accounts from Philadelphia. The Papar lay Mad universal Health prevails, which is not exdible. I believe the People of Philadelphia lell many lies, to encourage those to return, who have left the City. a to entice the People in the Country to brade with them. We do not yet bear when or whether Gen. I svine's family intend to move, but we are much trailened in our prefent Quarters, your Mother has a loterably warm Room, but I have no other Place to write in, & am writing amidh a Number of confuled Noiles. I have recovered a great Part of my hearing lince the Change of the Weather, & my Nerves are none to initable, that I am diffurbed by the most common Roiles. We have indeed a noisy Moule & hear nothing hom Morning to Might, but Dogs lighting, People killing Mwine, lows lowing, be The most quiet Meighbours we have are the Naggon ers nathing, the they servely not without Noile, I am afraid that our -Scople will open their londpondence with Philadelphia los foon, but these is no body to prevent them from doing any thing that comes in their Meads . I am apaid of hearing bad News of General Wayne & the army, as it feems the Kentucky Militia are averle to affil him Majer Butter has taken Pofficer of the Monte me talchy occupied at the Works, but we have our May & my Books More Mill, hill we can be accommodated in a House. It is but a few Day line

we got up our Mortes, & we can not remove our May as yet, because Mr. Dunean has lilled the May doll belonging to this Noute, with Wheat, & not much wall litt il is thresped out. Our Students are not yet returned, & I fear that the Report that was pread, of the Philadelphia Tever's being in this Place, has prevented their Return. I hope that your Place continues to be healthful, & that you will take Case not to buy any Philadelphia Goods & not to go into the Shops where they are told. I have never been able to hear any thing of Mr. Lake & his Family, & know not whether they are dead of the injections lever, or this alive. I know of no body to whom I could write, to enquire whether he or Capt. Richie or ld. Gurney are Mill alive, I will be obliged to land my first dellers for Sed. land by the Way of Ballimore, but an at a dop for a longue mout there, to whole lase I might land them. I am thill afraid that the Philadelphia Bit. order is either not realed, or may break out again next spring, & we hear Mal the degitature of the State of Delaware adjourned their Meeting, for fear of receiving the Infection. It is unertain where the longues & the Legitlature of this State may meet this Scaper, but their Meetings are of very little Im. portance. It is probable that the langues may go to New York, & the -State Legistature to Lancatter, as they will not think of coming to Havis. burgh, on account of the great Sichneh that has prevailed there this Scafen. your differ is going about, & your Brother's Aque Jeems to have left him for a time. We have had beauty Rains, & at prefent the Weather is clear of frofly. Agues & levers have almost ecased, the these are always Jome dying among us. I am abaid that General Tovine will not novove lill Unilmah or later. It will be an Inconvenience to me

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Dear Mary .

your affectionale Father,

Cha! Nisbel.

Carlisle, 8th Nov.r, 1793.

Dear Mary,

I wrote you lately by Mr. Blaine, who, I hope, arrived in Safety, But finding the Bearer Mr. Smith returning to Pittsburgh, I take the Opportunity of informing you that your Mother continues to mend, & is now able to walk up & down Stairs. Her appetite for food is better, than it used to be in her ordinary Health, but she must take Care of herself for some time before the recovers any considerable Degree of Strength. We can not tell what to make of the Accounts from Philadelphia. The Papers say that universal Health prevails, which is not credible. I believe the People of Philadelphia tell many lies, to encourage those to return, who have left the City, & to entice the People in the Country to trade with them. We do not yet hear when or whether Gen.l Irvine's family intend to move, but we are much straitened in our present Quarters. Your Mother has a tolerably warm Room, but I have no other Place to write in, & am writing amidst a number of confused Noises. I have recovered a great Part of my hearing since the change of the Weather, & my Nerves are now so irritable, that I am disturbed by the most common Noises. We have indeed a noisy House & hear nothing from Morning to Night, but Dogs fighting, People killing Swine, Cows lowing, Etc. The most quiet Neighbours we have are the Waggoners passing, tho' they rarely pass without Noise. I am afraid that our People will open their Correspondence with Philadelphia too soon, but there is no body to prevent them from doing any thing that comes in their Heads. I am afraid of hearing bad News of General Wayne & the Army, as it seems the Kentucky Militia are averse to assist him. Major Butler has taken Possession of the House we lately occupied at the Works, but we have our Hay & my Books there still, till we can be accommodated in a House. It is but a few Days since

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we got up our Horses, & we can not remove our Hay as yet, because Mr. Duncan has filled the Hay Loft belonging to this House, with Wheat, & we must wait till it is threshed out. Our students are not yet returned, & I fear that the Report that was spread of the Philadelphia Fever's being in this Place, has prevented their Return. I hope that your Place continues to be healthful, & that you will take care not to buy any Philadelphia Goods & not to go into the Shops where they are sold. I have never been able to hear any thing of Mr. Lake & his Family & know not whether they are dead of the infectious fever, or still alive. I know of no body to whom I could write, to inquire whether he or Capt. Richie or Col. Gurney are still alive. I will be obliged to send my first Letters for Scotland by the Way of Baltimore, but am at a Loss for a Correspondent there, to whose Care I might send them. I am still afraid that the Philadelphia Disorder is either not ceased, or may break out again next Spring, & we hear that the Legislature of the State of Delaware adjourned their Meeting, for fear of receiving the Infection. It is uncertain where the Congress & the Legislature of this State may meet this Season, but their Meetings are of very little importance. It is probable that the Congress may go to New York, & the State Legislature to Lancaster, as they will not think of coming to Harrisburgh, on Account of the great Sickness that has prevailed there this Season. Your Sister is going about, & your Brother's Ague seems to have left him for a time. We have had heavy Rains & at present the Weather is clear & frosty. Agues & fevers have almost ceased, tho' there are always some dying among us. I am afraid that General Irvine will not remove till Christmas or later. It will be an Inconvenience to me

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to want my Books, especially to have them in a House that is inhabited, as Major Butler has a bound Boy who is a notorious Thief. But our Removal must occasion great Inconveniencies & some Loss. We have no News here. The Disorder at Philadelphia has ingrossed all our Attention & Conversation. I expect no Letters almost from the Old Country till the Spring. I sent you all that was material in those which I received, in my last. Remember us to all Friends, & let us hear from you by every opportunity. I ever am,

Dear Mary, Your affectionate Father,

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I hope you received my last, inclosed in your Brothers by Mr. Davidon. I am concerned for your Silvation, but have lome Moner that limes will grow better. The probably not much this year. If our Veffels could go to Sea with Safely, Frade would revive. But of this there is little Propert at prefent. I hope you have recovered your health, I that you endeavour to keep up your Spirits as well as you can' Let me know here the Children take with the City, I whether they relain any Remembrance of this Olace. I hope the Weather will be more mild in a short line that you may need less Wood for living . You are entered on a new Seene, & in Circumstances of great Disadvantage. Jake lane of yourfelf. & do not key yourfelf open to any Body. Hear pali. ently what wery budy Jay. a make no Remarks. How are among a very divided Ocople . but it is not necessary that you should take any Part in their Divisions. It may sometimes be difficult for you to hold your Peace but it is practicable . if you make a throng Refolution . Be paring in making Vilib, or even occasional Calls. Mind your Mouthold Affairs, & Thedy Occonomy as much as possible. Buy as little as you can, & learn to do without many things which others may rechon necessary Dell is the huin of lilizens . Theep always at as great a Diffance from that, as you can, Beware of making Exercise by telling your Mind loo freely. It is not necessary that every Body throald know what you think, & it is of little Importance to you what they think. Be of. fund that wany Body is fond of their own Opinions . & les them re.

lain & defend them will they are recaried . but give yourfelf no Trouble about them. Mankind , by which I principally mean Womankind , are always Enances to those who endeavour to inthruch them, or by to for them right; but Friends to those who statter them, or let them alone. I do not define you to flatter them, but by all means let them alone, & you will face no worke for it. By making it a Rule to be filent, at least like you know when you as other will learn to expect no Observations from you, I loom will give you les Trouble. Even with Regard to Reli. gion & Morals you may probably hear a great Deal of lasfelip Conver. Talion , as many make it a Rule to talk of these things , though they know nothing at all about them. Do you endeasour to know as much, & to talk as little as possible, left you should have the Misfortione of Talking to People about what they do not understand. In mixed ~ Companies it is better to beware of giving Offence, than to endeavour to please, I the less that you jay in Juch Companies, it will be the better for you . You will always find Occopie that are fond mongh of talking . Give them no Interruption, but let them talk away. They will be pleafed while you are combent to bear them, & it is not necessary that you thould even led them know that you underfland them . Avoid apping Questions , or defining Ocople to explain their Stonies or Opi. nions. This gives Offence. But it is no Matter in most lafe, whether you understand them or not. By endeavouring to please, we often give Offence. Remember that People love a patient Mearer, much better than a ready Speaker. If you fecon to alless I to

them, that will be enough in most lafes, I you ought to been to at. land to them, the you have no hope, or define, to underfland them. The most of Mankind , speciales Temales love to hear themselves talk, but an impaliant of Interruption, & the capiest May of dealing with them is to let these have their Will, & to Juffer them to talk till they are weary. Beware of giving threaten of others, or of making any 06. lewshims on those who to . Hever talk of yourfelf nor of your bunkry on your Relations to these who know nothing of them, & beware of engross. ing the Conversation. Make no Entertainments to Member of Enguels or other altho lilizen Mornoe & the Lyon Mould inform you That they intend to do you the honour of dining with you. A. void with equal lase the Dinners that me given by others. as those who receive, will be expected to give. They mostly at home, of receive those who call on you with Livility, with. out leremony or Anxiety to please or to appear respectable. Abher Tiench Fathiers & Vanilies of Drefs. Shody newhork & Occase. my de les any that pleases imitate the Actorfors of Tithousances of Paris. Let me hear from you as offers as popule. It hindly to Mr. Jurnbull & the Children. I am,

your Mother thought that you had too mean an opinion of her Ordience. when your affectionate Father, you lay that the would have your diffracted, if fine the Nisbet. were in her dibration, & within that you may behave better than the could have done.

Carlisle, 7th March, 1798.

Dear Mary,

I hope you received my last, inclosed in your Brother's by Mr. Davidson. I am concerned for your Situation, but have some Hopes that times will grow better, tho' probably not much this year. If our Vessels could go to Sea with Safety, Trade would revive. But of this there is little Prospect at present. I hope you have recovered your health, & that you endeavour to keep up your spirits as well as you can. Let me know how the Children take with the City, & whether they retain any Remembrance of this Place. I hope the Weather will be more mild in a short time that you may need less Wood for firing. You are entered on a new Scene, & in Circumstances of great Disadvantage. Take Care of yourself, & do not lay yourself open to any Body. Hear patiently what every body days, & make no Remarks. You are among a very divided People, but it is not necessary that you should take any Part in their Divisions. It may sometimes be difficult for you to hold your Peace, but it is practicable, if you make a Strong Resolution. Be sparing in making Visits, or even occasional Calls. Mind your Household Affairs, & study Oeconomy as much as possible. Buy as little as you can, & learn to do without many things which others may reckon necessary. Debt is the Ruin of Citizens. Keep always at as great a Distance from that, as you can. Beware of making Enemies by telling your Mind too freely. It is not necessary that every Body should know what you think, & it is of little Importance to you what they think. Be ensured that every Body is fond of their own Opinions, & let them re-

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them, that will be enough in most Cases, & you ought to seem to attend to them, tho' yet have no hope, or desire, to understand them. The most of Mankind, especially Females, love to hear themselves talk, but are impatient of Interruption, & the easiest Way of dealing with them is to let them have their Will, & to suffer them to talk till they are weary. Beware of giving Characters of others, or of making any observations on those who do. Never talk of yourself nor of your of your Relations to those who know nothing of them, & beware of engrossing the Conversation. Make no Entertainments to Members of Congress or others, altho' Citizen Monroe & the Lyon should inform you that they intend to do you the honour of dining with you. Avoid with equal Care the Dinners that are given by others, as those who receive will be expected to give. Keep mostly at home, & receive those who call on you with Civility, without Ceremony or Anxiety to please or to appear respectable. Abhor French Fashions & Vanities of Dress. Study neatness & Oeconomy & let any that pleases, imitate the Actresses & Fithwomen of Paris. Let me hear from you as often as possible. Remember us kindly to Mr. Turnbull & the Children. I am.

Dear Mary, Your affectionate Father,

Cha.s Nisbet.

P.S. Your Mother thought that you had too mean an Opinion of her Patience, when you say that she would have gone distracted, if she were in her your situation, & wishes that you may behave better than she could have done.

C.N.

Dear Mary, I have nothing of Confequence to write you, but could not think of letting Mr Masshal depart without a few Lines for you. I hope you re. ceived my last by Dr. Mc lopery, & that he & your Viller will foon xlum to this Place. I inclose a Letter to your Coupin Caroline Well, in Anspect to her which I fant you beg abjon. The hopes that a Leller pour gra son on the Way when the wrote, but I am afraid that is not the Cafe. I have will her that I hoped that a deller from you would accompany the one which I enclose. I hope you will find hime for it, now that your Child is well. & Mr. Junbell with give you a Mode of Conveyance. I have given her your Address, & the will certainly will you, but I think you ought to begin . your Mother is better than the was last Neck , but the is no power with. Than the contrives to get it again, by abflinence & immoderate Exercise. I propose setting out for york by to morrow's dlage, unless he Mon me again by another fil of her Mach. The Weather is Mill sold,

of there was dee upon the Waters this Morning. The Downghal the Mill cortinues, I almost every thing in the Garden is killed. The Wheat Crop is in a poor State, & we form to be threatened with a famine. Dr. Smith of Orincederson & bis Danghler 141 this Olace this Morning on their Way to Minchofter. I have how no Letters from Scotland lines your Confin's, which your differ would thow you, but I expect to se. caive a Packet at York, which Mr. Bowie informs me has been brought by Dr. Mc Night from New york last Week. Mr. Jurnbull will lake lave to forward the two Scolch Letters inclosed, with one from yourful, by list opportunity. I was glad to hear by Dr. Smith that

your City is still healthy, the you will not be without your fear . when The warm Weather fels in . We shall expect to hear from you by every op. portunity that occurs, & I that be equally attentive on my Side. I afraid that you will take little Mobice of annie & Bettey, now that you have got another Child. I hope they are attending School of doing well. It is probable that the Election of Judge McKean will Juppend almost wary kind of Bufinch in your lity litt October next, & if the prefent Drought con. linues, the People in the lountry will have dispuse enough to mind their Politics, as it is not likely that they will have much to so in Marvell . -The Wellian Thy has begun to allack the Page, which threatens no with a Famine of Whilky. And if this is laken away, what have we mon? Whilky in the Simon of Politics, & the Jourtain of Republican Scal, Injurrection at Patriolifm. your Mother wither to have fome Nives for the stair- Cloth. It has forenteen stops. It buch a thing can be got cafily They be lend by list Waggon, I we will pay you when we get Money. Remember in hindly to Mr. Turnbull & your Family. I remain.

Dear Mary .

your affectionale Father,

Cha. Nisbel.

Carlisle, May 13th, 1799.

Dear Mary,

I have nothing of Consequence to write you, but could not think of letting Mr. Marshal depart without a few lines for you. I hope you received my last by Dr. McCoskery, & that he & your Sister will soon return to this Place. I inclose a Letter to your Cousin Caroline Welsh, in answer to hers which I sent you by Alison. She hopes that a Letter from you soon on the way when she wrote, but I am afraid that is not the Case. I have writ her that I hoped that a Letter from you would accompany the one which I enclose. I hope you will find time for it, now that your Child is well & Mr. Turnbull will give you a Mode of Conveyance. I have given her your Address, & she will certainly writ you, but I think you ought to begin. Your Mother is better than she was last Week, but she is no sooner well, than she contrives to get ill again, by Abstinence & immoderate Exercise. I propose setting out for York by tomorrow's Stage, unless she stop me again by another fit of her Illness. The Weather is Still cold, & there was Ice upon the Waters this Morning. The Drought still continues, & almost every thing in the Garden is killed. The Wheat Crop is in a poor State, & we seem to be threatened with a famine. Dr. Smith of Princeton & his Daughter left this Place this Morning on their way to Winchester. I have had no Letters from Scotland since your Cousin's, which your Sister would show you, but I expect to receive a Packet at York, which Mr. Bowie informs me has been brought by Dr. McNight from New York last week. Mr. Turnbull will take care to forward the two Scotch Letters inclosed. with one from yourself, by first Opportunity. I was glad to hear by Dr. Smith that

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your City is still healthy, tho' you will not be without your fears, when the warm Weather sets in. We shall expect to hear from you by every Opportunity that occurs, & I shall be equally attentive on my side. I afraid that you will take Little Notice of Annie & Betsey, now that you have got another Child. I hope they are attending School & doing well. It is probable that the election of Judge McKean will suspend almost every kind of Business in your City till October next, & if the present Drought continues, the People in the Country will have Leisure enough to mind their Politics, as it is not likely that they will have much to do in Harvest. The Hessian Fly has begun to attack the Rye, which threatens us with a Famine of Whisky. And if this is taken away, what have we more? Whisky is the Sinews of Politics, & the fountain of Republican Zeal, Insurrection & Patriotism. Your Mother wishes to have some Wires for the Stair Cloth. It has seventeen Steps. If such a thing can be got easily they may be sent by first Waggon, & we will pay you when we get Money. Remember us kindly to Mr. Turnbull & your Family. I remain,

Dear Mary, Your affectionate Father,

Carlifle, 1 1 June, 1799.

Maving heard of your Melane by the Return of your differ. I under. Handing that on this Day you were to remove to the Country with your Children . after writing Mr Jumbull a deller on Bufinep, I with'd to fend you a few dines at the lame lime, that I have not any thing of importance to write you. I made out my Vilil to Mr. Bowie at york on the 15th May, Plaid Mere a Nach, & went over to Mr. Me Farquhar's at Mayloren in a hired Carriage, with Mr. & Mrs. Howie of their little Daughler. I laid these three Day, & after diving with Mr. & More Coky returned to Hork , & came home in the Mail Stage on Monday last . Mr . Me Farquetar & his family were well, only Mr. Willow had a bad low, of the Day that we lest the Olace, Mr. M. Far. gubar was leized with violent Rhenmatic Pains in his Buck, which feconed to be increasing, the he came of direct with us at Mr. Cook's , where we left him very it. The Rains have done great Good here the' attended with Cold Weather . Hour Mother is much obliged to you for the theg of Barley you fent how, as no buch thing can be got here. I have writ Mr. Jumbull to fend us our Accompt, that we may know how much we are in his Dobt. How Mother's new Gows is making, & the is very well pleufed with it , as well as with the dinen & other Good, that you fent. Abijon was much pleased with your lountry he. best which the had vililed, but you must write me a more particular Account of your Silvation , when you are fettled in it . Are you within Reach of any Phylician? Is libigen Logan or Dr. dail your near Reighbours? Are there any other families from the City expected to telle near you? I with to know every particular of your dituation is now you I your Chiliren keep their Mealth. I that be careful to write you by every Opportunity, & Mr. Jurnbull will find a Conveyance for my Letters. And I hone you will not larged to write me, when you have any tonveyance to Philadelphia. You may lihewife write me whether you are near any Place of Worthin, the that is not commen. by confidered as a Convenience in this Country. Let me know likebuile, what is the face of the Country about you, Will or Vale, Min or Mick felled. Are you among the Gor. mans, or within the Bounds of the injurgent Counties? I think I have cut you

out Inflicient Materials for a delter, but many others with readily occur. I hope that Irade is reviving in Philadelphia, & that it will not be visited by the lated Hellow Fiver. We were diffurt'd this Morning by a violent throcking at over Door, betwise two & three e' Cluck, a Son of Mr. Oliver Orllock's wanted to get Alexander as his Jecond in a Duck. occasioned by a Enavored believed him & a diculement Magan from Chambers burgh. He did not go with him immediately, at I hope will never have any thing to do with this kind of madnets, & I hear that Pollock has been lecking for Jeconds among Dr. Mc Coplary's students I have you carry out your Bible & lome good Books with you , to complay you on Sabbath Days a other times when you have deifure. Man Mr. Jurnbull got a long of Mr. Wilbespree's View of the Christian Beligion? If he has not, I would advite him to buy one. The will fee that a Member of the British Moule of Courson know much more of line Religion, & notheher more excellent Qualities than either Gallatin or Micolas, or wen the Ja. mous Lyon of Vermont. You do not mention whether fame or Mely goes out with you. I hope to hear that you are perfectly contented with your situation. I well accommodated in your Summer Questers. I hear that Mr. Jurnbut is to vifit you once a Neck, to that your deten will not be long delained, & you will have frequent opportunities of writing. your Mother has been in better health than upual for a fortnight past. Alifen & hor Mulband & Chilisen are well. The propoles to wile you by Mr. Doughas, the Beaver of This . She & her Dunghler dired with us this Day , as the Doctor is out of town , at a lithing Party. I hear that the Duchills I mentioned, med this Morning at Sun-rife, on the Commons, but Mr. M' Cornick & Mr. Lowing got notice of their Inten. lion got both to be apprehended by the short, & lound in a Recognifunce with Surchies, not to profecule their Quarrel, but having gone out again after Breakfall, the short again fixed them & they were obliged to engage to compound their Quarrel in a friendly Manner. They afterwards Lined legether & have gone out to play at Ball, where it is expected the Quarrel would be revived. The Offence indeed was of a very heinous Rahere. They were pilching Dollars, & Me Gan having pilched them at Ookock, in thead of handing them, he immediately

challenged him to light him. I ought to be ashamed to brouble you with such has but Inch one the Occurrences of this brilling Place. When I was at Mr. M' Fargular I learned an Event that ought to put us all on our quard against the yellow . lever, however for from the Sea we live. A rich German Farmer, in the Reighbour hood of Mr. Me Tarquhar's old Place, for the Jake of making a cheap Purchase, bought some leather Beds at an Auction in Ohiladelythia last fall, but lest they Thouted be infected, he left them in Smeather will thritiman take, then to aght Mem home to his Nouse. They were occupied without any Accident, till the Newther began to war warm, when himself, his Wife, & three of his Children , were all leized with the yellow lever, & died, & two others Mill remain, whose life is despaired of Il forms that some Ralcals in Philadelphia told many infected Beds in Bent york, which produced a Harring in the Philadelphia Papers, against buying Bedd from the Teather Merchants of New York, but it ago. near by the above unfortunale Inflance, that infected Beds were fold al Philadolphia. I hope you will beware of making any Purchales. of that hind for a long lime, as you are to near the original Place of Infection. If the yellow lever thould be brought into Philadelphia this Jum. mer, as it undoublodly will, if it is possible, I hope you will warn Mr. Jurubully to · leave the Hace en the first Tharm , that he may not being Death of with him to himfell & his family. It is lime to be cautious, after three puch owful Vilibar lions so your liky has already experienced. I hope Mr. Turnbull has lowered my detter to your loufin Caroline Wellh, accompanied by another from you, as I promised in my Letter to her. I informed her of the Alteration in your Address, on Account of your Removal. Remember me lo your dear girls, A write me by every enportunity. I remain. Dear Many . Your affectionale Father ; Cha. Nibel.

Carlisle, 1st June, 1799.

Dear Mary,

Having heard of your Welfare by the Return of your Sister, & understanding that on this Day you were to remove to the Country with your Children, after writing Mr. Turnbull a Letter on Business, I wish'd to send you a few Lines at the same time, tho' I have not any thing of importance to write you. I made out my Visit to Mr. Bowie at York on the 15th May, staid there a Week, & went over to Mr. McFarquhar's at Maytown in a hired Carriage, with Mr. & Mrs. Bowie & their little Daughter. I staid there three Days, & after dining with Mr. & Mrs. Cooke, returned to York, & came home in the Mail Stage on Monday last. Mr. McFarquhar & his family were well, only Mr. Wilson had a bad Cold, & the Day that we left the Place, Mr. McFarquhar was seized with violent Rheumatic Pains in his Back, which seemed to be increasing, tho' he came & dined with us at Mr. Cook's where we left him very ill. The Rains have done great Good here, tho' attended with Cold Weather. Your Mother is much obliged to you for the Keg of Barley you sent her, as no such thing can be got here. I have writ Mr. Turnbull to send us our Account, that we may know how much we are in his Debt. Your Mother's new Gown is making & she is very well pleased with it, as well as with the Linen & other Goods that you sent. Alison was much pleased with your Country Retreat, which she had visited, but you must write me a more particular Account of your Situation, when you are settled in it. Are you within reach of any Physician? Is Citizen Logan or Dr. Leib your near Neighbours? Are there any other families from the City expected to settle near you? I wish to know every particular of your Situation & how you and your Children keep their Health. I shall be careful to write you by every Opportunity & Mr. Turnbull will find a conveyance for my Letters. And I hope you will not forget to write me, when you have any Conveyance to Philadelphia. You may likewise write me whether you are near any Place of Worship, tho' that is not commonly considered as a Convenience in this Country. Let me know likewise, what is the face of the Country about you, Hill or Vale, thin or thick settled. Are you among the Germans, or within the Bounds of the insurgent Counties? I think I have cut you

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out sufficient Materials for a Letter, but many others will readily occur. I hope that Trade is reviving in Philadelphia, & that it will not be visited by the fatal Yellow Fever. We were disturb'd this Morning by a violent Knocking at our Door betwixt two & three o'clock. A Son of Mr. Oliver Pollock's wanted to get Alexander as his second in a Duel, occasioned by a Quarrel betwixt him & a Lieutenant McGaw from Chambersburgh. He did not go with him immediately, & I hope will never have anything to do with this kind of Madness, & I hear that Pollock has been seeking for Seconds among Dr. McCoskry's students. I hope you carry out your Bible & some good Books with you, to employ you on Sabbath Days & other times when you have Leisure. Has Mr. Turnbull got a Copy of Mr. Wilberforce's View of the Christian Religion? If he has not, I would advise him to buy one. He will see that a Member of the British House of Commons knows much more of true Religion, possesses more excellent Qualities than either Gallatin or Nicolas, or even the famous Lyon of Vermont. You do not mention whether Jane or Molly goes out with you. I hope to hear that you are perfectly contented with your Situation & well accommodated in your Summer Quarters. I hear that Mr. Turnbull is to visit you once a

Week, so that your Letters will not be long detained, & you will have frequent Opportunities of writing. Your Mother has been in better health than usual for a fortnight past. Alison & her Husband & Children are well. She proposes to write you by Mr. Douglas, the Bearer of this. She & her Daughter dined with us this Day, as the Doctor is out of town, at a fishing Party. I hear that the Duellists I mentioned, met this Morning at Sun-rise on the Commons, but Mr. McCormick & Mr. Lewis having got Notice of their Intention got both to be apprehended by the Sheriff, & bound in a Recognisance with Sureties, not to prosecute their Quarrel, but having gone out again after Breakfast, the Sheriff again seized them & they were obliged to engage to compound their Quarrel in a friendly Manner. They afterwards dined together & have gone out to play at Ball, where it is expected the Quarrel would be revived. The offence indeed was of a very heinous Nature. They were pitching Dollars, & McGaw having pitched them at Pollock, instead of handing them, he immediately

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challenged him to fight him. I ought to be ashamed to trouble you with such trash, but such are the Occurrences of this trifling Place. When I was at Mr. McFarquhar's I learned an Event that ought to put us all on our Guard against the Yellow Fever, however far from the Sea we live. A rich German farmer in the Neighbourhood of Mr. McFarquhar's old Place, for the Sake of making a cheap Purchase, bought some feather Beds at an Auction in Philadelphia last fall, but lest they should be infected, he left them in Lancaster till Christmas last, & then brought them here to his House. They were occupied without any Accident, till the Weather began to wax warm, when himself, his Wife, & three of his Children, were all seized with the yellow favor, & died, & two others still remain, whose life is despaired of. It seems that some Rascals in Philadelphia sold many infected Beds in New York, which produced a Warning in the Philadelphia Papers, against buying Beds from the Feather Merchants of New York, but it appears by the above unfortunate Instance, that infected Beds were sold at Philadelphia. I hope you will beware of making any Purchases of that kind for a long time, as you are so near the original Place of Infection. If the yellow fever should be brought into Philadelphia this summer, as it undoubtedly will, if it is possible, I hope you will warn Mr. Turnbull to leave the Place on the first Alarm, that he may not bring Death along with him to himself & his family. It is time to be cautious, after three such awful Visitations as your City has already experienced. I hope Mr. Turnbull has forwarded my Letter to your Cousin Caroline Welsh, accompanied by another from you as I promised in my Letter to her. I informed her of the Alteration in your Address, on Account of your Removal. Remember me to your dear Girls, & write me by every Opportunity. I remain,

Dear Mary, Your affectionate Father,

allho' I caped your Brother hore on Monday next. I could not Juffer the Bearer Dr. Armflrong to depart without a low Lines for you . I hope that Islan has got better, your Brother having informed us that the had got a little Cold. Mour Mother & I are in ordinary health & have got one Neck of Tranquillity, after one of great Diffurbance. Money is leave, & I am quite athamer that we are not able to fend Mr. Jumbell the Cayment of his Accompt. I hope that Dr. Me Cofking will be able to fend him Lanfmann & Oliver's Money by the Beaver of this. We would with that other Ocople ~ thould do well, when we can not do lo oursdoes. I was glad to hear by Alexander, that Bulinch has become brith, & hope that you will have your share of it. We have now lost hopes of Molly coming up with your Brother, the we do not know the Reafon. I hope that the lity continues healthful, & that there are no Remains of the yellow Fover among you. I have made an apology for your not writing your loupin Caroline, but hope that you will find lime to do it foon. I am glad that Mr. Jun. bull has taken lare of my foreign dellers, I inclose two more, for your Uncle & your Coufin. The Weather has become very cold & frofty, which I hope will be a Ordervalive to the health of your Clizen's. I am afraid however that you do not find the Price of Wood & Provisions lowered by the Election of litizen M'Hean, the his priends prophetical that this would be the Cale. But the Removal of Government to Lancaster ought to have some Influence on your Markels, & if the longress likewife that semove in January next your Provisions ought to be thill lower. I that be glad to hear that the lity is at last provided with wholesom Water,

the I with it had been better than that of the Schuytkil. I hope that Belley was well pleased with her Frock & her Book & that the Mill re. members us, the the was not here with her differ. I hope you will avoid vililing, especially in the Suspected Parts of the City, & that your thisoren lake lase to teep from Cold in going to & from School. This Clace produces no Mows . Mour differ is in ordinary health, but Charles is not woll, & is Inposed to be breeding Jech. Eliza continues healthy. We are premised some Money next Month, & il would give us great Olcapure to get out of Dobt. We never know Dell Will lately. I hope that you will get forme lime for reading this Winter. & that you will read forsething better than the common Trash of Nevels, which are the most common Entertainment of Ladies, & render them at one flish & unhappy. Let us hear from you by every Opportunity, & land in all the News of your City. The absence of Citizen Me Kean mull make a great Void among your Democrates, the Mr. Durane & likingen Reynolds will do their ulmost to support the Republican Interest among you. When I hear any thing from the old Country, it will be communical. ed to you. I hope you will be quite fatisfied with your new Mabibation. epicially if Bufinch & Gain increase, which I hope will be the lafe form. The Danger of being laken by Brench Privateers must inescape the Diffi. culties of your Trade for some hime, but if the allied Powers that be able to drive the Directory from Paris, & to crash that Mest of Vinen which has to long plagued Europe & America, you would no longer be in Dan ger from French Pirates abroad, nor from Republicans in Frenchified li. lizers of home, but the animofily between the Parties must thill be a confiderable Grievance, & a great Diminution of private Happines and

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Carlisle, 16th Nov.r 1799.

Dear Mary,

Altho' I expect your Brother home on Monday next, I could not suffer the Bearer Dr. Armstrong to depart without a few Lines for you. I hope that Susan has got better, your Brother having informed me that she had got a little Cold. Your Mother and I are in ordinary health & have got one Week of Tranquility, after one of great Disturbance. Money in scarce, & I am quite ashamed that we are not able to send Mr. Turnbull the Payment of his Account. I hope that Dr. McCoskry will be able to send him Laustmann & Oliver's Money by the Bearer of this. We would wish that other People should do well, when we can not do so ourselves. I was glad to hear by Alexander, that Business has become brisk, & hope that you will have your share of it. We have now lost hopes of Molly coming up with your Brother, tho' we do not know the Reason. I hope that the City continues healthful, & that there are no Remains of the Yellow Fever among you. I have made an Apology for your not writing your Cousin Caroline, but hope that you will find time to do it soon. I am glad that Mr. Turnbull has taken care of my foreign Letters. I inclose two more for your Uncle & your Cousin. The Weather has become very cold & frosty, which I hope will be a Preservative to the health of your Citizens. I am afraid however that you will not find the Price of Wood & Provisions lowered by the Election of Citizen McKean, tho' his friends prophesied that this would be the Case. But the Removal of Government to Lancaster ought to have some Influence on your Markets, & if the Congress likewise shall remove in January next your Provisions ought to be still lower. I shall be glad to hear that the City is at last provided with wholesome Water,

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