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get safely over the Bay. We have been much obliged
by his Company & hope as we influenced his Stay
you will not think it too long. This comes by Rock
Hall with his Portmanteau to Greentrees Care. —
I wish with you to have something to be depended
on from England and as plainly see that if Matters
are not soon settled that all will be confusion among
ourselves. I fear we shall at last make but a fitful
Opposition of it. Instead of a virtuous adherence to
the Mode prescribed by the Congress, supported by a
real determined ~~spirit~~ Conduct proceeding from principle
you may plainly discover a variety of other reasons
in the most forward & noisy who only take the
lead to increase their Popularity or Business and
perhaps ~~with~~ to bring things to Confusion to grow
into more Importance from the general Ruin. We
are now ~~[illegible] weather and we must weather~~
the Storm in the best Manner we can. — Polly
and all the Children are well and so are they all
at the Mill House. We join in our warmest Love
& Wishes ~~and~~ to all at Philip Hall & other Friends on the
Western Shore and I am with very tender Regard
Dear Sir Yr. very affect.
Thos. Ringgold