1778 Oct. 30 [Samuel Chew] ~~[illegible]~~ ONEIDA TO SAMUEL GALLOWAY MS.1994.

I may differ in some matters & think not alike be that as it may. I ~~have~~ shall only give you my sence of matters & must for they boy, that you would not stile as to their mortification. & fill their minds with greater distress than are all ready — Their Situation is Truly distressing enough their full determinings & resolutions. is now to set down where Every Chance may Place them. & be contented: untill times be settled. or some Share & most favourable events attend ~~their~~ further removal. Their Last conduct I cannot say has been Altogether. imprudent. for if we look back we find all of us when young wrard Auctions of doing some thing for our selves. & strive to get that some thing we may call our own — I believe that was y^d case with you & my self. Therefore I cannot look on their strug=gle for y^d same to be a Crime. or even a fault. My Dear Sir Altho. I am much y^d youngest man of us two. I hope you will Excuse My Freedom in what I have not only said but what I am about for they to do. My mind & my Poor Wifes are Truly distressing — when we look a little back. & view y^d Prospect that had Promised us so much Happiness — in a Child whom we raised with y^d greatest Tenderness. not regarding. Trouble. nor Expence to make her happy therefore we readily gave way to her choice. in marrying a Man whom she liked. & who was Altogether depending on his father for a living. who did all the same time Promising in a most follom manner to do for them. from time to time this not being y^d case as you must well know. her case is Truly Hard — & now not a Home to go too. that they can call their own. but are frequently stattened to be dis=inherited — I say still more cruelly. as it was a most follow Contract to y^d contrary. I little Dreamt to see a Child of mine — Dragged about y^d Country to look for a Home. I am truly Sorry to say this Marriage has been a most unfortunate af==fair for them Bouth — She Poor Girl. has been most Cruelly Dealt away. She had y^d offers of Gentlemen who had ample fortunes & Hom's to have married her too. whome she might have been Exceeding Happy. & my Dear Sir feel as a Parrant. & then you will know what her Parents most under go — the Deception is too great for Child taken from us with y^d most follom Promises of her being made hap==py but how are all our hopes Blasted — I say curse on the Times which are so unnaturally as to set father & son at a Variance — you thought him Old Enough. & Prudent enough so is to show y^d great wish that they might come to gether & Certainly as he had arrived to y^d age of man hood he Aught to be left to judge for him self. & speak his own Opinions of y^d times — the Principles he now holds are not what he Picked up here. He brought them with him ~~Three~~ thousand Miles distant. & ever since has acted on one Short line from y^d begining — & I wish I could say that Every gentlemen had done y^d same. & I Verily believe there would have been less Blood shead. & matters would have been better with us — & Notwithstanding he is a young man warm in his disposition. he does not want for Sence to support what he has to say on y^d subject his way of thinking of y^d times. & yours are so different that you cannot bear it — & if he is not to Enjoy that Happiness. he had better not be a Being — for once a man is deprived of that Grand Happiness. I know not what he should wish to live for — & My Dear Sir Give me leave to