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Sky — that Many Gentlemen has Observed. That y^d warm th of y^d Temper has carryed you Beyond. what Decency would not Justify a father to a Son — Pray be cool and Reflect for a moment at these Times y^d Expressions to y^r Son. & Burning y^d fire in his face in all company — & for what: because he does not think as you & y^d Company — his thoughts are as Honest than y^d Major Part of his Countrymen amongst whome I believe to be Many Gentlemen of as Sense of Honour & Honesty. as any you keep Company with — & to show Still his good Sense. & his good Heart, on hearing y^d Name mentioned he has y^d Greatest Partiality for you as its Possible for a Son to have for a father & God only Knows how Matters are to End between you. I can only Say I wish they were at a distance from us where they might be happy. for My Poor Child keeps us unhappy she is allways Terrifyed when she sees you a Coming. & Trimbles for her Poor Husband who is oftentimes Treated so much like a Vile Servant than a Son — O Sir this is too Severe for a Poor young Girl who has never Given you nor y^d Family any Just Cause — & has made y^d Son happy as its Possible for an affectionate wife to do. & as I Verily believe no two People were Ever more happier in themselves How Cruel then must it be to Interrupt these Happiness. as she has often Told me with Tears that had she. & her Husband but a Place to put their heads in how they should Rejoice & be happy no matter how Small — She is oftentimes affraid you may have Taken a Dislike to her. & I believe her Bad State of health is owing altogether to her unhappy Situation. & Distress of Mind — My Dear Sir all this is too much for Tender Parent to bear. & I must confess these are matters that has Stung me too Severe. they lay Heavy on my mind — The Deception is too great. I could not Ever have thought all this to have come to Pass. The House you lent them to live in. they did not know how long they might be allowed to Stay — for Every now & then y^d anger was Rise to Such a Pitch. they did not know but they might be told y^d next day to look out for first Quarters — & then to be under an Obligation to an Overseer for Every little matter. & when all not Done in a manner as would Induce them to make any further Request — One Children were never Used to this Kind of Treatment. I am Sure my Child has been no Expence to you. Nor y^d Son since he left England. My Dear Sir. whilst I am on this Subject. Excuse my further freedom & give me leave to Say a little more. where in your Happiness as a Parent is Equally concerned with my Self. & must feel y^d different Effects. which nature has Implanted in to y^d Heart of Every Human being — So that I do not doubt but you must have felt that Cruel & Cutting Pain which I do. for our Poor Children — who has left us — to Tell you y^d ~~Truth~~ Real Truth. Partly to Shun y^d wrath & to Get a living amongst Strangers. Now for God Sake my Dear Sir. no longer let y^d Heart be a Stranger to one of our first Duties. as it is in our power to do for them Our Stay here can be but Short at most. & what can be Equally to that Happiness of Seeing & Knowing that we have done that Duty which is incumbered on us If it were only for our own Happiness — For God Sake let us do it. & not make those Miserable whome we were