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

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the Cause of their coming into this Troublesome world
Pray Sir let not Passion Rise a gainst y^d own Flesh and
blood. & Pray look Back & bring to y^d Remberance. and
take a Serious View of that Past Happiness. & that Every
in Inpearable loss. his Good Mother. which to you & her
Children must have Deeply felt. Then I say its impossi=
ble for any Human being to look on him. — whome the
not only felt y^d Grand Pains of Nature. but brought into
y^d world. at y^d Hazard of her life. & for y^d further wishes
dide at last Give up life — after all this should you
not Delight in Every one whome she left behind for
y^d Tender & Paternal Care — Now my Dear Sir for a more
let you & I Reflect. that from y^d Course of Nature you
& I can stay but a very little while with with them at
Most — Therefor God Sake let us not quarrel with Part of
our own Selves. a bout any Trifling matter of this world
It can be no long while before you & I must lay our heads
on Our Dying Pillows — Our thoughts then may be too Cating
for our weak Bodys. to go a bout to do that which we aught to
have done before. for our hours Price be how we Launch into
Eternity must be Sweet indeed. therefore let us Obtain it
whilst its in Our Power & make those beings which
God intended as so many Blessings for us: Happy. & by doing
of this we may be to ourselves. & Give them Joys when we go
to be them. & converse with them with Pleasure. & not to
make Our Company Dreadfull. — when freedom of Speech
is Taken from our Children. How can they Enjoy y^d
company of their Parents. How must it be. where a
Child. & more so, when a man Grows up to be under a
Perpetual Terror in Company before his Parents whome

Can Give Happiness to. let our Children Enjoy their
Sentiments. they have. from all Human Probability
a much longer time to live in this world than ourselves
my Dear Sir — Excuse me I make no Doubt but I have
Tired your Patience. but I know your Goodness will Ex=
=cuse me. as I am a Pleading for y^d Happiness of our Poor
Distressed Children whome we have been y^d Cause of
their coming into this Troublesome world — I will say but
little more on y^d Subject. & Hope God will Grant
them his Protection. tho I hope their Parents have not
Divested them selves of all Humanity. & which I think
there can be no man who will Give himself time to Reflect
but what will think its. his first Duty to Provide for his
Children. & not to Quarrell & fall out with them for Every
Trifling matter — I say this would be forgetting ourselves
there is none of us but what have been Guilty of some of
Imprudence in our Youthfull days. as we Grow up y^d
Rains of Prudence will Guide them. my Dear Sir let
me beg of you to Give this matter. Some Reflection & see
whether you cannot find in your Heart & take only
your Pardon by ye hand who is Miserable to think. that he is a
Cast off. for what he Know's not. Nor any of us can
be certain of — Tho the world is Unnatured Enough to
Say — its only be cause you are Desirous not to do any
thing for him — God for bid that should be y^d Case: that I must
think to be Impossible. as your Sollem Promise has been
to y^d Contrary. & its too Unnatural for any Human —