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à propos, Col. Tell me the famous Chatham and the boasted Roebuck were beaten by Little Davy — how they are fallen, to be beaten by a Horse not full bred! —

I am extremely sorry to hear that the Phaeton which Ed. Irvine purchased for you does not answer — the description he gave me of it made me flatter myself that it was just such an one as you wanted. —

We have but little News in this Metropolis at present — the Parliament met on the 25 Inst. — great debates are expected on a bill to be brought in By the Minister (Pitt) for a reform in Parliament — I shall forward to you the news papers &c: of the Glory, Richmond, you will there see how they go on —

It is believed a peace will take place with the Emperor & the Dutch, the terms are said to be that the navigation of the Schelt shall be open under certain limitations and the Dutch to pay the Emperor a sum of money for the Damage done to the German territories by the inundations occasioned by breaking the Dykes —

You will doubtless have heard, before this reaches you of Blanchard's flight with another gentleman (an American), over the Channel in a Balloon — a bold enterprize! —

The Nonsuch arrived a few days ago after a short passage from Annapolis — I have not heard what the Assembly were about —

Mr. & Mrs. Rupell desire their Respectful Compts to you and all the Family — My kind Respects to your Brother, Mr. & Mrs. Cheston & your Sons, the Little Chestons and all your Family

I remain Dear Sir

Your much Obliged &
Most Obed.t Hble Servant
James Clerk