1770 James Cheston Letter 1944

Look down & pity the Wretch who would form Opinions upon Such slight foundations; Pity is a feeling which rather gives pleasure than pain & therefore think the Latter mode of avoiding the effects of remarks which are supposed to be made, and perhaps with! any ~~other foundation~~ Reality than what ~~the Lady~~ piqued pride of the Object chuses to fix on the Countenance & behaviour of ~~Strangers~~ those he meets with, would be much More eligible to amend, which Suffers itself from every Instance of the general ~~Depravity~~ ~~tow~~ Depravity of human Nature & tho' perhaps may be in some degree convinced of the Just yet very Severe Maxims of Rochefoucault, wishes it were otherwise, ~~not~~ to much in the power of Cynics to ~~characterize~~ Mankind even to ~~a~~much Worse beasts than Horses. ——

I will now tell you if I can, that after leaving