1772 SEPT. 10 WILLIAM STURGES TO JENNY CHESTER

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Bristol 10th Sept. 1772

Dear Jenny

I wrote You a long Letter by Dan, since wch. have not had a Line from You, but expect it by ye Restoration. I doubt not but You will be much surprizd to hear that Fanny was married on Tuesday ye 8th. Inst. to Mr. Robt. Bensley of Covent Garden Theatre, ye only objection to whom I ~~have~~ must in Justice say is his profession, which in general is not lookd upon in ye most reputable light, tho' he is of a different stile to most in that way, has had a very liberal education & his connections & Acquaintance are exceedingly genteel, tho' not at ye very top of ~~his profession~~ yet his merits are ~~such as~~ entitle him to a very respectable character & may improve in time, as there is but one Person in his cast of parts that is superior to him at Covent Garden which are ye first Characters on ye Stage; his going into this way of life do him ye utmost honor with all liberal minds, he having sold his Commission as an Officer in ye Marines to extricate a distressd Father who was born bred & liv'd as a Gent. but met with misfortunes, notwithstanding all this it was a connection I earnestly dissuaded Fanny from making on ye consequences of having a Family; which every parent must be

Mr. James Chester
Merch.t Baltimore
Maryland

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Mr. Wm. Sturges

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