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acquainted with Her, I stand but little chance of being settled on this side of the Water, and ~~consequently~~ therefore I am taken by Surprize, Your Wish stands likely to be accomplished — Three Years More I Expect will put it in My Power to leave this part of the World with Propriety, at least for a time, if Not for Ever; The latter I cannot yet Promise Myself with certainty, Tho' I sincerely wish it — I shall do every thing in My Power to effect it —

You tell me Your Health is ~~[illegible]~~ much bettered, I'm glad of it: It's a sure Sign of a Mind at ease — Mine is at Present as Perfect as I could ~~wish~~ wish; a few flying pains, ~~that~~ indicating the approach of the Gout excepted ~~[illegible]~~ I enjoy as Great a share as Most. Last fall indeed Subjected me to Small dogree of the Country Disorders an Intermittent Fever; ~~but~~ It was but slight tho' It hung on me some Months. (Dan had a severe attack in Jany which I think would have carried him off.) His Health is quite Reestablished again, and what pleases me as Much, He remains entirely free from his old Complaint — Pray ~~[illegible]~~ My Family are well they beg whenever I write you, Not to Omit assuring you of their Love & Peggy is Married, Betsey has a particular as well as many General Admirers (Ay! old acquaintance Her — is still Single and not improved in the least; Pray Make my Compts. to Mr & Mrs Roberts, and when you again See the Misses Barnes, tell them tho' I endeavour to forget ~~them~~ such persons ever existed, No Matter whether on My own Acct. or Not, I cannot succeed, & that in Spite of all, a certain period will start up ~~accompanied~~ in Recollection accompained with the conviction of