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Dear Sir

North End Fulham
2 June 1783.

The tydings of your safe arrival in Maryland to a happy sight of your family, after so many crosses & disappointments, you may be sure was matter of great joy to us all. — The circumstance of peace, with the blessings that you seem to have a prospect of deriving from it, is no small addition to our felicity. — This, amongst other things, will give us frequent opportunitys of an intercourse we have been so many years debarrd from; & be afraid I shall think myself happy in being favoured with any commands from you, which it may be in my power to execute. — Your Brother Daniel will follow this letter in about three weeks. — The disappointment he suffered in not going to India, will turn out, I hope, like many other matters that we call disappointments, the luckyest accident of his life; for it is, I think, impossible but that America to one brought up as he has been to business, & on the spot where his & your best connexions lye, must be his natural scene of action. — I am tyd down to a different scene, & at a different time of life; otherwise, I am convinced I should turn my thoughts, at best, to the glorious prospect that the dullest sighted of us can now descry rising on the other side of the Atlantick. — That you may enjoy all the advantages of it, is a wish that no one entertains with more sincerity than myself. — I shall read over the private papers you left in my charge by Daniel; & give me leave to repeat that I shall have the greatest pleasure in punctually executing any commission you may at any time have occasion to favour me with. — Fanny is very well, & will write to you, of course, by your Brother. — Pray make her & my best love acceptable to Mrs Chester, & the little ones. — Believe me with the greatest sincerity Dear Sir, Most affectionately Yours R. Bensley