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My Dear Brother —

Yours dated July 16th arrived about two months past - since which time, we find by wrong Information one Packet has escaped us which said to Baltimore this will not happen again, now we have found out Capt. Forrest, who with great Politeness promises us he will take care to inform us of all opportunitys of writeing & sending I hope you will like the things I have sent you, & not disapprove of my varying a little in some Articles - which I have explained to Mrs Cheston — I am looking for letters from you all every day - & hope you let no opportunity slip - for it is refreshing to me beyond measure to hear how you go on in this Comical fickle World - I am sure if Patience Perseverance & Integrity are qualitys that have any Weight with Dame fortune she will reward you — I hope Daniel will prove a Usefull Assistant to you - & by Industry repair past Mishaps - I conclude he has Informed you of our cousin Cheston's kindness to him. it was substantial, & I hope he will make it one of his first cares to repay it, when he can with convenience - & in the mean time write to him - which I dare say dear brother I wish you would do - for there was something so genuine in the regret he felt & express'd at not seeing you when in England it really grieved me - he spoke of it. With tender

Yours —

Robert Cooper
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