1784 APRIL 20 Robert Bensley to [illegible]

SIDE ONE

Dearest

Wm Northlands 20 April 1784.

Mr Bensley will give you a few lines informing you of her perfect recovery, which is a circumstance that I am sure will occasion great pleasure to all our good friends in your part of the world. — Her illness must be our apology for leaving let the Spring slip on so far before we could forward the Articles on the other side. — The Bedstead I hope will very soon follow. — I had a promise of the Beagles but was disappointed. — I have no doubt but they will accompany the Bedstead. — I hope what has been done will arrive to your satisfaction, & not discourage you from obliging us with your commands as often as you have occasion. — I have inserted the Autumn account for the £25-bill for fear it may not have reach'd you. — The Hams Mr Chester sent are excellent, for which he will please to accept our best thanks. — They will help off our Peas & beans tho' the summer delightfully. — Tho' if our Summer is so better than our winter has been, we shall have neither peas nor beans for so miserable a season for cold & uncomfortableness has not been known in the memory of man. —

The News Papers sent in the Case will best (tho' badly enough) let you into our Politicks, for I am as indifferent a Spectator, as you will be a Reader of them. — What is doing in your Country we are too busy with our own dispersions to attend to, & I suppose you can return us the compliment. — I am only sorry there is so insurmountable a Bar as the Atlantick between our private concerns & affections, which I have so little of the Patriot as to ~~[illegible]~~ be more anxious about than all the publick bustle that this country is filled with at present. — A general Election is a general discontent, & warfare thro' the Kingdom. — We, thank God, are free from it in our Cottage. — May you, & yours experience nothing but peace, happiness & prosperity. —

Pray make my best love to your Brother Daniel. — I hope all his schemes hit. — Please also to make my kindest affections acceptable to Mrs Chester. — I already think myself acquainted with her from her sisterly letter to Mrs B. —

Believe me, my dearest,

Most affect.y Yours

R. Bensley.

We shall now be entirely in Town the 6 winter months. — Our address at No. 4 ~~at~~ Miss ~~[illegible]~~ Beeston's, Great Newport Street.