1785 Feb. 5 James Clerk to Fanny Clerk

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of the Country — You have now only the Foxes to hunt — without you turn in among the Black Jacks after the Bucks at Belair —

My business here will prevent me from having the happiness of seeing my Friends with you before late in the Summer or the Fall, I have so much employment upon my hands and have had the greatest part of the time that I have been in London, that I have scarcely time to look about me — When I return to America I hope I shall not meet with so unfavorable a passage as we had together in the Archer — I do not expect to remain long in Maryland ere I come back to this Metropolis —

Your Sister is, I believe, very well; I sent to her to know if she has any letters to forward & the Glory — if they come I will inclose them herewith — What a scandalous dog I am in not paying my respects frequently to Mrs. Barclay, particularly as it gives her so much pleasure to hear about your little family — it is now so long since I had the pleasure of seeing her that I shall be almost afraid to go to Gerrard Street — the neglect has been in a great measure owing to my confinement in the Counting house, where I am almost from Morning till late at Night Saturdays and Sundays excepted when I am under the necessity of going to Richmond to see Mr. & Mrs. Rapele who have removed there

I flatter myself Mrs Cheston and your family are well, as you do not mention any thing to the Contrary in your letter — assure her of my regard and kindest respects and remember me to Miss Nancy Miss Fanny and little Jemmey — tell him I expect to find him quite a man in breeches — adieu

I am Dear Sir

Yours Sincerely

James Clerk