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SIDE ONE

My Dearest Brother.

Both Mr Ben & myself write now in a hurry - We have just heard a Ship is upon sailing & not a day to lose, & we are both to set off upon a long Journey to Thomas Thoms Esq to Saffolk. where his Mother is dangerously ill - & in all probability by this time no more) & I to Gloucester to fulfill a long given promise of a visit to our friends there — I wrote & sent a box & Package about 10 days ago - hope they will arrive safe & that you will like them — Calico for a gown & 6 pair of thread stock. for Mrs C will recieve by the hands of Mrs Dulany her going so soon is sudden - if I am lucky enough to return before she sails I shall write again by her — at any rate she can give you all Intelligence about us - This Uncommonly severe Winter has not agreed well with Mr Ben - I have borne both that & some raising better than usual —

Mr Chas Coxe —