[1785] July 18 A. Gardner to [illegible]

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all things are at present so Inordinately Dear ~~just now~~ it is not a very easy matter to keep within bounds - I believe I have mentioned in some of my letters our intention of quitting the Country the end of this year - We have tryd all ways, & found none equal to the expence We were at - for since the first year We have allways had a lodging in Town — so that by Christmas I hope to be again comfortable fixd in some airy part of London — till I write to the Contrary direct still to Miss Beestons No 32 Gerard street. I shall send you the papers & Magazines to this time - & think I sent a parcell since the Box, but am not certain, as I have no Memorandum - which I Generally keep of all I send or recieve, & by whom — —

Pray tell Mrs Cheston the Plums were remarkable fine & have been a great treat to all my summer straggling visitors, & the Plumony to all Americans. I thank her for both very much - I hope the last Cargo I sent will please you both as well (as she assures me) the formers ones did — I doubt what you will think of the bedstead - I did not please myself & yet according to the best of my Judge=ment I could not do better — Sometimes one can make a hit in that way - I must indeavour to make many, for I shall want a great many Articles when I arrange my new abode —

We have had the longest Winter & the Driest Summer that ever was known. & the Farmers threaten us with great Scarcity next Winter, all kinds of Butchers meat has been uncommon Dear some months past — I hope the seasons with you have been more favourable —

our friends at Point Pleasant are all well constantly inquire for you in the kindest Man=ner. Mrs Barns is gone to Bath for a short time — Tell your Dear little ones I have not forgot them; & will answer their letters tho I have not done it yet —

I hope Mrs Cheston will have fewer scruples that imploying me when I become a Town Lady — if she knew the Pleasure I have in Excicuting her commands I would set her quite at rest on that head — Mr Bensley joins me in love & every Wish for your Health Happyness & that of all your Family's with Dear Brother

Your truly Affectionate Sister A Bensley

Pray present my best respects to Mr Galloway —

North End July 18th

Her J. F.