[1785] A. Bensley to [illegible]

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so much to his fathers satisfaction that the
Affliction is heavy indeed - I intended paying
them a visit the last passing week but they
had not returned to there own house since the
Melancholy event & could not recieve me
I therefore accompanied Mr B in his annual
visit to his good Mother & sister - who desired
I would not forget compts to you & yours, &
to Edmund if I could convey them, for he
was a prodigious favourite in that part of
the world - & now my Dear Brother let me
hope you & Daniel have your hands as
full of Business as your hearts can wish
& that success crowns the whole - I doubt
not but he proves a Usefull Auxiliary
he writes to me in good spirits, & full of
hope that all will do well - I am glad
Stevenson is settled at a distance from
you & for the sake of the poor children
he is successfull in what ever he has
undertaken - I know you hate writeing
but I wish you would say a little something
to our cousins at Gloucester - it would be
a serious gratification to them - & to me
the highest in the world to hear from
you all very often & to know how the
ship yard & all things else succeed -
I am rather pushd for time & withall very
stupid just now therefore you must bear
a very dull epistle - but I flatter myself
as it will convey to you the account
of my restored Health & perfect
Happyness; that alone will make up
for every other deficiency
all goes on swimingly in the theatrical
world The siddons has proved a
bright luminary that has
shed its influence on all -
We nothing left to wish for
but a continuation of my Dear Thus to
health & spirits - both are better than
they used to be. but he has still a
very tender constitution -
God bless you my Dear Brother & grant
all Health & comfort to you & yours
which is the constant wish of
yours Affectionate
Sister A Bensley

Mr Patchs family desire compts.