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property of one's own in terra firma is a blessing wished for in vain by many who are not otherwise unhappy. — To possess it in a place where every other worldly good is in so uncertain a state as on your side of the water, is a comfort that I most sincerely participate with you in. — May it confirm you in a strong state of health, & afford you those enjoyments that I think almost invariably attend that first of blessings! — ~~[illegible]~~ I am as well, I thank God, on this article on the whole, as I have been for many years; and bating little colds from changes of weather, &c, I think in more confirmed strength than when we had the pleasure of your company. — Mrs B. I never knew better, & we are much pleased with our settlement in Charlotte Street; so that upon the whole we are ~~[illegible]~~ as happy ~~as people~~ can be without a permanency. —

But this being the case with thousands & tens of thousands, I dont suffer it to take too much hold of me. — Our best & most cordial wishes constantly attend you, & believe me, with best love to Mr Chester & your family

Dear Sir

Most affectionately
Yours

R. Bently