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amusements were never in higher estimation than at present — of course every member feels in a degree, the genial influence, he is modest about himself, therefore satisfied with his share — The world is, independence is rarely reap'd from it, without sacrificing too much of ones present comfort — However we go on quietly doing the best we can, & trust a little to the book. of late we have lessened our expenditure & I comfort myself with the certain knowledge I have that I could live upon as little, & with comfort, as any gentlewoman in England — & often thank my stars that I used to think ill over, that my younger days were not attended with luxury & indulgence — I know you are a famous Quack — tho I ought to beg pardon for that title — have you in your list a Medicine call'd Dr Mason's famous gout cordial, that it is famous, I know from the testimony of many, & our own experience in particular, we would not live without it in the house an hour, Mr Bon finds upon any occasion of sudden complaint in the Bowells & Stomach, it is the most safe mild & efficacious remedy he ever had recourse too, tho the gout it is particularly designd for — therefore I send it to you

Raisons sliced & stoned half a lb — Senna two drams Coriander & fennel seed, of each one dram, Cochineal saffron & liquorice, of each half a dram Rhubarb sliced thin, one ounce — Infuse these in one quart of french Brandy about a fortnight — Strain it off — & add a pint more brandy to the ingredients, let it stand till the virtue is quite extracted, then strain it, & mix it with the first quantity — Take three, four, or five, spoonfulls according to the violence of the complaint in the Bowels or stomach, with as many of hot water as it can be drank with — repeat it, after waiting a proper time if the complaint is not abated, — If you have not this in your list, I assure you it will prove a valuable acquisition — I have long threatn'd to send it you & forgot it, — you are to know I have [illegible] in the medical line, & I suppose if all [illegible] facts, in my old age, I may be a dealer in nostrums — by the by, I recollect Mrs Chaston once told me she was fond of gardening & that any aid in that way she should like — desire she will make a list of such seeds as she would wish, & I will not fail — I have often inquired of country gentlemen about wast Beagles but without success — God Bless you my Dear Brother Mr Bewley in every [illegible] Mrs Bewley never good wish with yours affectionately Eliz Bewley