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I hope however the warm weather which is but just now beginning will carry her complaint away & that time & a little time will remove those weaknesses which have shewn themselves too often for these last 3 years — Mrs C has grown lustier than she was & consequently the Stays & gown are rather too tight — If the Next are something wider it will be better, as at present they are ~~rather~~ a little uneasy when put on as they should be — The shoes likewise are pretty much in the same predicament — Easy with fine thin Stockings — with Cotton rather tight — The Alteration in the last However must be trifling indeed — Had Mr C been at home I should not have thus far interfered in her province — You will have a better & more opportunity — She wishes she had not miss'd this — a very good one, by a young Gentleman who has lived with us almost the whole time he has been in the Country — He came from England with me — His Name Clerk a grandson of Mr Rupel's — He says he will make it his Business to see you — But as his greatest fault is Backwardness & modesty, you must wear out of him every thing he knows about us — I know you have a good knack at sifting — he purposes returning very soon — You'll not miss the Opportunity I dare say —

Our Brother Daniel is now settled at Baltimore, and since the Frost has broke up, has been very busy & I hope already to a pretty profit — I have assisted him with what I could spare, but as our free & independant gentry have no idea of paying Debts we must both be contented with small thing & If he in particular pays his Expences the first year I shall be satisfied — My attention at present is chiefly employed in Dunning (a sad Business here) and in Building the Ship, I told you of some time ago — The variableness & uncertainty of carpenters wages & every other expence last Summer & fall