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I now labor in the want of a sufficient Capital to launch out with – the property ~~which~~ ~~I have~~ left which ~~the~~ revenue of the war has left me, being scattered in the hands of a number of people who have no Disposition to pay their Debts untill forced by law, ties up my hands as to any thing considerably; tis true I am doing a little, by way of beginning, but if that little clears my Expence it is the most I expect – but I beg yr. pardon – ~~altho' its but too natural for a man in pain to complain~~ ~~yet I ought to forbear to disturb the heart of one, who I know will feel for me~~ this is Disturbing that very Tranquility which in any other Man I should Envy, and which I most sincerely wish you may continue to enjoy thro' yr. whole Life –

Among the few Amusements which the Country Affords here – Hunting is one I am most fond of – Its not quite so good a thing as with you; but sufficient to afford me some Sport & great deal of exercise – The dogs I have ~~are not~~ are so Degenerate owing to the Climate or perhaps want of attention in Breeding, that I much want some from England to replace them. For this purpose I requested in the Letter My Sister got by Capt. Richardson you would be kind enough to take the trouble of procuring me a Dog & Bitch of the Drag Beagle hound the Smallest & Slowest that could be got