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but I can only say I allways do to the best of my judgement —
Now, my Dear Brother (without being very vain) I think I may say, I am giveing a strong proof of the goodness of my disposition, by writeing to you, who will not I dare say give me one line in return — Well — be it so — so long as I learn from the rest of your family how you & your affairs jog on in this jostling world — & that your reason for not writeing is not because you ~~do not~~ forget me) I am content — & fully believe you take your share of satisfaction when you hear any good tidiings from us — but that our modes admit of much variety of information — few people's ways or means go on with so little variation — My principle cause for care & anxiety, is my Dear Husbands tender state of health — which sometimes fills me with fears that he may not long be able to do as he has done — However I am — & I thank God for it — Blessd with an abundant stock of real good & happy spirits — & have no fears on earth — but for the absolute loss of those I love — any thing short of that — I am sure I am fully equal to — poverty I defy: so long as not incurd by any fault of my own — — & as for Dame fortune I bee her in all ways — & throw myself into the laboring wheels — from whence she has sent the to thirty thousands, but not a slice of either to me — I was too wise to venture much —
Our Friends at Gloucester & Wandsworth are all well — the young ones, pushing us from our seats & making us fancy — or fear — (for we are unwilling to believe it) that we have touchd the highest pinnacle of our prime — & are descending the hill, I hear constantly from my son Thorahill whose attachment to England is too strong, for his happyness in India & poor fellow thus far the climate does not agree with him — He is a creature in all respects to be proud off — & I am not a little so — I hope your James may be as good & clever — but here I must stop or I shall not have room for the main business — So God Bless you My Dear Brother, & believe me
Your Affe. Sister
F.A. Bensley

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