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ing in they will come near us, as there are 7 armed Vessels in the fleet — 4 of which are stronger than the Ship I am in. There can be no Danger but from a Ship to whom, if one comes in Sight, We must give up to without firing a Gun, for we cannot run away from her. I mention this to My Dear Girl, that she May not suppose, we run a great risque, than in Reality we do. I know her tender & affectionate tendernes and affection for me will make her fear more than in Reality there is any foundation for. I wish in this Instance, as in every other that may happen in this Life, to keep the disagreeable Relief of heart ache I know it will give me, I realize as the greatest Blessing the World could have bestowed, No world exchange for all the Riches

Riches in the Universe. The Enjoyment that is afforded by the one, Reflection, the other, I know by experience, affords the most unspeakable satisfaction on recalling past scenes to my view. Riches flew leave me into Poverty, Affliction, Such as may to Peace happiness & Content. That these have been My lot since you joined your Dear hand with mine. With Love & gratitude I feel Pleasure in declaring which My heart most readily dictates to, as since we joined it has felt comfort from the recollection of both the causes & effect. Pleasing with the expectation of that happy time, when we are to meet to part no more, I shall rest to, for Spirits, the Resolution to carry me thro' whatever May happen to