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Mrs Ann Cheston

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My dearest Nancy, Bristol Apl. 14th 1781

The present Opportunity I hope will prove a good conveyance for this Letter. Mrs. Stevenson, who is upon the point of setting off for New York on her way to meet her Husband in Maryland, is kind enough to take charge of it, And, as I think she can meet with no Interruption, at the first Mentiond place, If she luckily escapes the privateers on this Coast, I flatter myself, she will get to Maryland in a shorter time, than I have any reason to suppose, any of the other conveyances I have met with for my letters, will make it. In which case, My Dear Wife, will have the Satisfaction of hearing, that I enjoy an exceeding good share of health, free from Gout Fever or Cough, And working hard, to get back again to all I hold most dear, on this Earth. When the Business I am Now about will be compleated, I can't exactly tell, as it is in Such an Intricate Situation, that it requires both considerable more time & Patience, than I at first imagined. The worst of it, However is got Over, & I am in great hopes, that in all Next Month, I shall have it in My Power to leave England. But this, My dear girl, will observe I only Speak from Conjecture, for, even after all the Business is finished, and every thing else ready for my departure, I may be detained some time for want of a proper Opportunity. I mention this, to caution you

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