SIDE ONE

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My Dear Mrs Cheston

Yours by Dobbins & Dennis with the three bills inclos'd arrived safe, & this bill accompany all the articles you desired, on board Dennis, who sails in a few d[illegible] I acknowledg'd the receipt of the first bills some time [illegible] ago, but know not by what ship - or my friend Bro[illegible] forwarded it — I hope the things I now send or Be[illegible] you will like best, & not disapprove of the occasional Departure from your orders I have now & then made — particularly in the article of the lace, which I confess is a material one, & I debated with myself much about it, & took advice of counsel, who all gave the verdict in favour of what I have done — The fact is, broad edgeings or Maylin is now all the rage, except in the very fallest drap — so that you have more materials for the money that if it had been broad lace only — I have therefore sent you an apron to trim, & a half square of the same Maylin for a handk.f - you will marvel at the size — but it must cross & tye behind — If you like to employ your daughters in working, I will send a pattern I have both one in that looks very pretty — but this it must be edg'd — For the same reasons I have lay'd out the Lapes money different, & rely on their knowing they will be more fashionable dress for forgiving the alteration — their laugh is designd for broad tuckers, robins, & a cape a piece, patterns I shall send of each — & they will hope two suits instead of one, — If you dont approve of these alterations, you must in future put a note against those articles you wish to have literally complyd with —

Pray when Daniel comes in your way remember me to him & tell him I think he wd write to me for this: I heartily condemn all his errors I cannot totally forget the near relationship we stand in to each other —
I think I have already in a former epistle thanked you for the Lawn — be that as it will, they [illegible] a second notice — for better never was tasted, & they be[illegible] a very good order — we only wanted the addition of some of your hundred Yarbeys to have flown over, just to be eat with them —
I have not sent anything for the young Gentlemen this year — the yearly bill [illegible] a horse, repairs of [illegible] in a family way [illegible] in the year — but [illegible] will not forget them [illegible] happy to find the [illegible] able maintained — [illegible] very exact statement of how [illegible] as — & shall be very glad [illegible] safe in your pa[illegible] have time [illegible]

ever have before — [illegible] be so kind as to convey to Mrs Pinckard to whom I shall write — & now my dear Sister I must bid you adieu — Mr Ben joins in every wish most heartily, for the Health & Welfare of my Brother self & family with

Your Affectionate
Friend & Sister
A. Bensley

Remember me your raising Garden seeds as desirable things — but never what sort — pray do & I will send them annually — The black & white hat I thought wd be a light summer for yourself —

Yr Affy