SIDE TWO

I hope your Dear girls will approve of the appropiation of their property — tho' they will only receive a part now — The Muslin is to make two petticoats, to which they will have a Jacket each, for there is nothing else worn by all ages sizes & Complexions — they must put four breadths in, & let it be quite on the ground behind — I shall send them a pattern for both of them, which they must positively do — & the full of the Jacket also, which will be left with a raw edge on purpose — If they have an immediate occasion for wearing them, the bottom of the petticoat & Jacket may be bound with ribbon — or silk cut in points any colour they like — & both them after at their leasure — but both they must be — for it is all the rage here — & then those petticoats do for the gowns that are to follow. & make an elegant Winter Dress for balls or anything — the gowns are pale blue satten with a cord stripe — Observe a Muslin Jacket & petticoat is a dress here, for anything but Court — the fashionable have a pearce & long sleeves uneversally — If I should not have time (which I fear I shall not) — to send a head dress a peice of fine Muslin pind up as a turban — over a small round bonnet with a bunch of flowers on one side — is the very prettyest thing they can wear — I dare say another opportunity will soon offer — & then all shall be compleat — As also Miss Ringgolds Watch — which I have consented to leave till the next package. that merit of the Watch may be ascertaind —

Several reasons have combind to keep me rather behind hand in executeing these matters ~~that~~ occur immediately which I must give you lest you should think me idle — first a great deal of wet but weather that compleatly prevented all walking — Secondly a friend staying with me that involved me in company & engagements, which sometimes keep me in when the weather was kind — & lastly I have been confind with colds — However — I hope none will be much after the right time — & when they do arrive — may be approved by all partys — This ship goes to Patuxent — how I do remember my brother made an exception to some river, & I like a fool forget which — tell me in your next & I will make a Memorandum of it — at any rate I was unwilling to lose the opportunity —

I shall inclose the Duplicate bills in the package — & binde up the whole account by the next — as also write you more fully about all I can think off — at present I am very full of business indeed — having to prepare dispatches for India also — by tomorrow, & your things are all scattered around in fine Confusion —

Spare my Brother of my Sincerest affection tho' I think him a sad man for never giveing me a line I mustn't complain, for my gutleman is just as bad. The enclosed I will thank you to forward to Daniel it is for a debt that it will be hard to make us pay, which he must — if he either court or bout — I would not prop him, if he were affluent enough to these things