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or my Brother should not have Wanted his after
Dinner relish — To see his hand writeing again
Would give me pleasure — but if he is such an
Idle fellow, why I must not force him against
the grain — but ~~realy~~ rely upon you & the young
Ladies for constant intelligence & information —
I assure you if ever I have any opportunity it
is really for want of knowing of them in time
you cannot have an Idea how very distant
we are from all Shipping intelligence — except
from Brooks, who sometimes forgets to let me
know — I have a prospect of a little quiet
time at my own command for the next two
Months — if I am not disappointed in it — I shall
employ my time for your entertainment —
I have had a young friend staying with me
& still all the time — of course much occupy'd —
We have had the worst Winter — & thus far —
the worst & coldest Summer ever remembered —
added to it — a most alarming fall Scarcity of every
thing — I am sure the increase of expence
is full a third on every article of life in
the last 10 years — We now eat brown bread & have
abolished all pastry & everything that requires flour,
We are encouraged to hope however that the
harvest will be good — if otherwise I believe
we must rush off to your land of plenty —
& I may I believe say — Peace & quietness which
ever is not at present — Adieu I can no
more now — God Bless you & all belonging to you
Love to each one around from Yours
truly & Sincerely
T. Beasley.

London 17th July 1795 —

My Dear Sister,

Your last dated 9th March informing
me you were all well afforded us (as such intelligence
ever does) real pleasure, we should not be niggards
to each other when we have anything to commu-
nicate either good, or bad, indeed — for it is the only
comfort that can be had at this endless distance
This — with papers & reviews will be delivered to you
by a Capt Addison & his lady — He seems a very
gentelmanly Man — She a Worthy good natured
Woman — They with the Montgomerys dined with us
two days ago — I felt (judgeing from my own feelings)
it would give you pleasure to see any body that
had actually seen us, & been in our house —
But I must tell you lest they should not make
a good report of us, that neither of us had
on our best looks, Mr Ben had been seriously (tho;
not dangerously) indisposed — I was in a state of
fatigue from various causes, all unavoidable — or
else be flatter ourselves we are a very good looking
Grand Father & grand Mother for such — by a Bengal
paper dropt here by a foreign ship, we find we are
We are hourly expecting the India fleet, of course
my anxiety not small — — Yes — I fully agree with
you in general twenty five is full time enough
for a man to take upon himself all the impor-
tant cares attending a young family — I fully
intended introducing myself particularly to your Son
James — but cannot (now for lack of time) in