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Mrs Chaston
West River

Annapolis 11th June 1798

My dear Mrs Chaston –

It gave me very sincere concern to learn from your letter by your boy, that Mr Chastons health continues in so unpromising a state, after the regular fit of Gout under which he hath laboured, I entertained sanguine expectations of his finding great relief from all his complaints at least during the warm season, & I still flatter myself that his complaints will, if exasperated by cold changeable Weather, yield to proper treatment, on it's becoming more mild & settled – God grant that I may not be mistaken. Altho relieved from severe pain, which I suffered under my late attack of the gout, my recovery goes on very slowly, retarded partly by the irregularity of the weather, but principally by the decay of my Constitution, on which years & consequent infirmities have made violent inroads. It would give me great pleasure to be able to hasten, as I have often done to your assistance, but that being impracticable I have the consolation to know that he is in safe hands, & will not suffer from the want of the best assistance – Adieu! with my best wishes for Mr Chastons speedy recovery, & affectionate Complements to the two amiable Girls, I am Most truly Yours.

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Mrs Ann Chaston
Annapolis
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My Dear Sister

I was made exetremely happy on Friday to reciere your letter upon geting home and finding my Dear Brother so much better he must have had a hard time without any female friend with him my Uncle sick also I am also rejoiced your Dear Nancy recovers so fast I trust she will be as fat and hearty a woman as her Mother. I have continued Well since I wrote you and continue to ride about last Night I went to Mr Ridgmans or rather yesterday after Church I ams family the Whole of them was there Mr Levy who has been here for some time there came up a gust and we all jiggd together a smart quantity Maria Nancy came in with me and Dined they are jst gone little Maria is with me I am endavoring to learn her to read well she is a fine Child and is great Company for me Deaches poor little babe is ill she looks Dreadfully and I fear for her. Polly also has been very sick for some days with her Old Complaints I wish she could go below but they dent talk of it I wrote my Brother on Saterday our Brother Dined with us on Thursday since which I have not seen him Mr Ridgman is gone to day with him to see some Witnesses about his trial