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My Dear Sister

I am at length alone, and rejoiced to ask you how you are after our long and severe Winter - I hope it is now over, tho they say it is cold and we have Ice and Frost every night, but we have had a few cheerfull days, and our Court is in session, which has fill'd our little Town with unusual numbers and gives a pleasing change, to my prospect - as my Window look's immediately on the Court House pavement - my Dear Sister I have often thought of you all and in Idea have often been with you, I thank you kindly much for your affectionate letter and have wished much to answer it but indeed I have had all the Winter a Houseful of young people, which add to the constant sleighing calls of the old and Young it seems to if I had not a moment to my self - tho I must say my Health and spirits has been so good that I enjoyed it all very much - but as they say the old Ladys must have something to complain of - I could not help talking of this night Sleighing - leaving Town at dark going twelve miles, then dancing till twelve, and returning Home at two o'clock those intence cold nights, I really felt frightened every night - thinking what I should hear in the morning - but a kind Hand protected them - a few frosted heels was all the injury I heard of - you will I am sure laugh when I tell you, I paid a Visit miles from Town in my Sleigh conveying two Ladys with myself - we met an old Woman coming to Town who laughed very much calling out well there is a Lade indeed, I had promised Ann Bishop that if we had a tolerable warm day while the Sleighing lasted I would go out and spend it day with her, the Doctor was often in and each time reminded me of my promise at length such a day came, I had three young Ladys with me and I could not go without - poor little Ann Hammond - I new her Mother would be pleased at the offer - and when we stopped at the door we found her all ready - this is a visit that I always have great pleasure in - the dear little Children begin to laugh and capers doing every thing they can to entertain me from the time I get there till I come away - as soon as it gets warm to do with small fire's I shall send the Carriage for them - it is bad to have so many little Children in very cold weather - I am afraid my Dr Sister you will think I have writing a very great deal about myself - you will now I hope to tell me how you all are, Susan Pilgrman told me a short time ago, that she

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