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being for the summer, I want a bonnet in preference to a cap — as I have be ~~been~~ nothing else at that season — At the top of the large box you will find a few parcells, such as a piece of Irish, 2 pieces of Calico for 2 gowns & Muslin for a couple of common aprons — Mark'd for the Stevensons. & to be decided by you according to your Judgement of their wants — I would have sent them a greater variety — but this spring it really was not in my power — Poor old Mr Beasley (who we put on Tables for tomorrow) has for these three years past required so many additional comforts, that it has been a great expence to us — & we have twenty pound to pay for Daniel — which as I now lose all hope of ever recieveing from him, cannot be put off any longer — You that are doing so much, have a right to know why we dont do more, & I tell you truly — We have some chances in the Lottery — & I invoke dame fortune to be kind to me that I may be so to others, at the same time I ought to pray that with the power, the will may continue — for I begin to fear, I should be afraid to use properly or Liberally, what I have all my life been wishing to possess, so perhaps for in most cases) what is best — I recieved both your letters, one by Capt Leonard & one by Capt Todd — & Brote, 2 sent papers & Magazins about a month past —

In your last of Decr the second you mention one of your sisters intention of writing to me about some plate — when ever she does, I will execute the commission with pleasure, & to the best of my Judgement — as for my Brother, I must say he is a sad fellow its long since I had a line from him — but from all the knowledge I have of his sex, I find they are all exactly alike in that particular — Notwithstanding which, I spare him of my sincerest affection, & every good wish, for successful Crops, to crown & reward his labours, — If he should get a prize I will most certainly spend a summer with you — The lively description you have given me of your home makes me long to look out of your windows — When I lose one hope — I generally get hold of another — as I have almost lost that of your comeing to us, I begin to hope, we may be able to reverse it — & this is only cherished by the recollection, that marvellous things have happeïd in past ages, & why may they not in this