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SIDE ONE

Croydon 25th June 97 —

My dear Fanny

Yours of the 16th April reached me yesterday I conclude by the hands of that odd fish Mr Hogarth, for I saw him for a few moments before he left this Country, & had penetration enough to discover that such he was, I sit down to answer you directly as an earnest how much better a correspondant I mean to be than I have from many causes ever been, what interruptions may arise to defeat so good an intention I cant foresee, & earnestly hope none will, for I can with truth assert, that to know the history of your life, & communicate that of ours, is among those things that afford my heart the most solid satisfaction, & one that I hope from this time forth will be less interrupted than it has, I may say, allways been — Your conclusion was right, that I am now removed from constant information of when ships are about to sail — for I never voluntarily miss an opportunity — this being the case, I shall do as I am now doing, write — when a wet day or other circumstances allows me comfortable leisure so to do, & when my sheet is full, send it off to our friend Brooks — — Your goods were shipp'd on board the Adriana Capt. Dawson the 20th of Feby & I hope long ere this have arrived safe in West River — I should grieve they had got into any other hands for this, all was collected in a hurry I think it was a nice apartment of goods — I wrote once since their departure — to apprize you by what Vessel they went — by what ship I know not — From an allusion in your letter about some shoes & not coming by a Mr Moore — I conclude some letters of yours have miscarried

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Miss F. A. Chew,

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