SIDE TWO

of returning comfortably — & obtaining tools to work at his trade, a ship was about to sail in which he said he should go off directly — & will I hope ~~reach~~ his Father safe, he speaks of his Children in the highest terms for their dutifull & good behaviour to him, & I learn he has some employ by which he obtains a decent living — I shall be glad to know from you always his precise situation — & can only hope past errors of life, may prove a useful lesson for his latter which I should be sorry should pass totally comfortless — If you have not already written to me I hope you now will immediately, & that you will be able to tell me all your Domestick circle are quite well — My last to you was so long back as Mr Prouds return; with the letters, he had a small parcell containing a seal for James, & white beads one for his Wife, & the other for you, & a black shawl for your Mother — if he arrived safe, you no doubt received them, very shortly after all power of communication ceased — Heaven grant peace may now flourish every where as bad as done the last 20 years — — I am but recovering from a very long illness, which for some time it was scarcely expected I should do — & am indeed wonderfully well consid- how much I was reduced — My dear Husband has scarcely yet recovered from the effects of anxiety

upon his ever delicate frame — After Christmas we shall remove to Town for a few months — where I hope strength & spirits will be a little recruited — in the quiet circle of a few old friends. The little Thornhills are now grown great girls — & very amiable & good, & a great comfort & amusement to us, now we never go out — there is one boy, now 7 years old, a fine promising fellow, a great pet as you may suppose — Thornhill has lately become an East India Director an honourable situation, that just gives him employ [illegible] too young to sit down an idle m[illegible] We [illegible]m one family — & so shall contin[illegible] as I dare say unless he was to marry, at present there is no prospect of his doing — If any favourable opportunity came in your way I wd thank you to send me a few lignobline seeds, & also sagar beans — if I remember right they were always sold to be eat — I hope James was not a sufferer by the public troubles — tho they nearly reached Baltimore — Having again commenced I trust we shall frequently communicate — for indeed indeed I have always pleasure in hearing from you, & it will not be very long ere I hear any member of your family are well — Mr B. unites in affectionate remembrance to each with your

Sincere friend & Aunt
Fra^n Mary Beasley —