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to regret but that I cannot do as I have done — I am free from bodily sufferings of any kind, & that is a great blessing, & still leaves me the power of many quiet enjoyments — Our family party is reduced at present by the absence of our two Girls, who are gone to Edinburgh upon a visit to their Maternal Grandmother, I am impatiently looking to the period of their return — Our Eldest Boy is at school & Papa & Mama with a Couple of young ones, & another brat coming, all Well —

22d Sept.

If I could at all times command my time there are now many days I am quite unequal to the act of Writing, It was my right arm that was fractured, & the Muscles & Tendons were so much injured by the manner of the accident, that I have never recovered the use of my hand to any comfortable degree, & in proportion as the general frame is Nerved or otherwise, that partakes of it, & mine is one particularly affected by hot or damp Weather, of the latter we have lately had an Uncommon share, & often I cannot hold a pen much more guide it & when I can, it moves over the paper like a Child, making every letter with great pains; Under all these considerations I shall make this an answer to your good Brother, informing me of his having drawn upon me for 100£, which bill I have duly honoured, & am much obliged to him for his kind & judicious management of poor Dancing affairs, My love & very good Wishes attend him & his family —

It has so chanced I have not seen Mrs Rach for some time past, she has lately encreased her family & I have gone little from home, But Thornhill Met Mr R a few days past in the Street, & learnt she was Well, & gone to Brighton [illegible] Weeks, & himself to join her [illegible] a few days — They are both some [illegible] delightfull people — I often Wish we Were really Neighbours, for I flatter myself, we should be social ones — for as society is now carried on, it is anything but that, late dinner hours, & the rage for crowded rooms & Quadrilling, are ill suited to any rational persons past the May day of youth — The Thornhills are so tired of it, they are giving up their House in Town & seeking one a little way in the Country, like they are suited they remain with me, but their numbers are outgrowing the Capabilities of my habitation — Our young ones are very good, when in the way of it — they enjoy all that is going on — when not, happy & content, in a quiet way —