I said that I could not communicate with the parties. My Husband and self have been in the habit of going frequently to town, each having a pass — latterly the carriage has been examined without our finding any thing objectionable: last monday we were going as usual, passed the first Picket as usual — the second pointed to the new order stuck up, which reads "that no vehicle, save a market cart, & that with but one person is to pass at all into the City." Of course we had to return and so you will see that I am interdicted & all females who cannot drive a market cart which at my age, (sixty four) — I am too old to learn him to do. Perhaps if we are spared I may have to address you again, when Peter makes up his mind what to do, and as you must be entirely ignorant of your correspondent permit me to tell you somewhat of my antecedents, it would be quite natural I should think for you to wish to know. My grand parents were here before the Revolutionary war, my Father also, but a mere boy — boy as he was however, he endured many of the hardships incident to that time — my mother was born in Portsmouth where her parents had selected their home — all of her children ~~nearly~~ were born in the same spot — three are but two of us left — my homestead is nearly in the same spot of my grandfathers, which has never passed out of our hands — we were living in comfort — my Sister's children & grand children of the

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