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My dear old Friend—

It is now several years since I last wrote you — & have reason to believe from your silence that you had not for some years previous received any of mine — Why now do you not, just to accommodate me, move into the immediate vicinity of Baltimore? — How many changes have taken place in these countries since we last parted! how many changes have taken place since then among your old friends & mine? — How many of our friends have gone to their rest? and alas how very few remain to cheer us through the remainder of our Pilgrimage — I doubted very much whether I would be able to write you by Mr Bryson & of course refer you to Clotworthy Bryson for some matters I would desire you should be acquainted with. The Politics of this town & neighbourhood have undergone a compleat & perfect change within the last six or seven years — They are strictly Conservative — that is they have became wonderful stickleers for things as they were — abuses & all — You will scarcely believe this — but it is true nevertheless — As I once before remarked to you the externals of Religion are in great request, whilst much fear that the Heart felt, Heart understood Religion is very

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