Philadelphia January 21st 1834

Mrs Rob. Thomas Jones

Dr Mother

I was delighted to hear by Sister's favour of 14th ult. which I had duly received, that John had entirely recovered from the measles, & the rest of you all remained well, for I was truly afraid that disease would prove among the family as it is so large — I wrote to Sister E. by Mr Hornsby about a week since — therefore did not deem it necessary to answer her last so soon, but will do it shortly — You speak of your being afraid of my having the small pox as you hear it is prevalent in this place, you need not my Dr Mother, be so uneasy — as it is not at all probable — there has been only 4 or 5 cases that I have heard of, which has been some time since — Colds and sore throats are much more prevalent, & although I have escaped the one, (you must pray yet not the other — On Sunday week I was taken with a violent chill & fever, which