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I have y^rs of ye 2^d & 4th of April by Hanson, & May 12th & 15th by Kelly & ye Mr Shelly took relating to you ye 19th of May. How vastly fortunate & Happy am I in y^r recovery, & in hearing y^r recovery without knowing y^t you was ill; as I am bound so I do return ye Almighty my most sincere & humble thanks for this & all others his blessings & favours conferred on us. It happened very luckily y^t Shelly had a shorter passage & arrive before ye other Ships & came to me ye 17th Inst: ye other Ships appeared in sight ye 18th, 19th & some this Day. I & y^r Dr Mama were convinced you had the disorder at Elkridge as it was in ye family & you had a fever with several Eruptions, this prepossession prevented y^t being inoculated before you left Maryland & made me perfectly easy as to ye Small Pox. I shall expect a particular Acct of y^r Tour to Holland & Prussia. As to Mr Whittens letter about our Genealogy y^r Grandfathers name was Chas; y^r great Grandfathers name you see by ye Arms was Danl. My Fathers eldest Brothers name was Anthony his eldest sons name was Danl who was y^r 6th Ant^o. Father, I know nothing of my Grandfathers or Uncle Ant^os Wives, or into w^t families they married. As to any Expence do not begrudge w^t you think proper. y^r Grandfather left Europe & arrived in Maryland Octr 1688 with ye Commission of Attorney Genl; he on ye 19th of Feb: 1693 married Mary Darnall ye Daughter of Col: Henry Darnall. I know not how my Father came to stile himself of Ashcuston & afterwards of Litterloma. I was born April 2^d 1702. y^r Mother was ye Daughter of Clem^t Brooke Esqr of Prince Georges County, you was born Septr 8th 1737, this is as much as I can furnish towards our Pedigree with ye Translation I obtained in Paris & wch I will send you by ye 1st safe hand. y^r Picture is a good one but whether like you or not I cannot determine. The price to me seems exorbitant, but if you are convinced you pay no more than others, there is no room to

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