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Dear Sir

I have at last taken up my pen to make good the promise, I made at your departure from here of writing to you, indeed it makes me ashamed of myself when I think it is now four months since you left England, & this only <sup>my</sup> first letter, I will not attempt an apology only promise amendment for the future.

Inclosed you have the Gazette, with the King's speech in it which no doubt you are very anxious to see, as I dare say you expect it will principally concern the American affairs, but how great will be your disappointment, when you find instead of America, the speech begins, with the distemper among the Horned Cattle. Will<sup>m</sup> Cook & several gentlemen were in<sup>g</sup> House the day the Parliament met, they are all of opinion that the American Acts will be repealed this Session; Cook writes by this opportunity