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My dear Eliza, Needwood Feby 9. 1814.

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To your last kind letter of the 28. Jany I replied immediately & informed you by that opporty that Suman was to be with me on the Sunday following on the subject of his Note he called upon me & paid $15. the years Int. & he said on the Debt, promising at the same time to pay the Principal by the first of April next. The Debt is certainly very safe but Suman ought to have been more punctual. What will Mr. R. have me do with this Int. Money shall I send it by Mail under Cover, or retain it till I have the pleasure of seeing you here? My Cattle are much improved & if J. Sim would send me a purchaser for 12 or 14. it would just me add to their $15. a sum sufficient to make it an object of the Fred.k B. Bank to receive & forward Mr. R.'s Money –

I fear there is but a bad prospect of selling my Bacon in yr. district & I fear more it will greatly injure yr. pipe if it is placed in Mr. Ringold's meat House – if there may have it removed to a place of safety – I have in a late letter offered my thanks for your assistance & trouble in disposing of the Carpet – it is not proper to pay a comm.n to the person for selling it, I so pray pay what you think proper. – I am truly glad to hear that neither Richy nor John were concerned in Mr. R.'s Speculation – Shepherd may or rather has already saved himself – Our miserable Managers will not make Peace whilst they can carry on the War – but I think these hopes of being able to stand much longer upon their Legs & carry on the War, after the great Success of the Allies have had time to operate must Vanish – I allude to the Flood of Wonderful Success let in upon us by the late Arrivals –

I have not had the pleasure of a line from one of my Family, by the three or 4 last Mails. I concluded from that circumstance that you were certainly on your way up, and as the Roads had become firm & greatly improved on Saturday there was a great probability that you would set out soon to reach Mrs. Place that Evg. – I have made the best preparation in every way that this Ho. Barn would admit of. The prevailing disease I before mentd. had handled me very ~~roug~~ roughly – I am sorry to say that I am still a sufferer under its severe pressure – the loss of strength and