

yourself with the Ladies to know how we are fixed. I cannot well describe our Accommodations tho' they are very slender. M^{rs} P. has a comfortable Room and an adjoining One for the Children as bed Chambers. I have one large room badly lighted for Study parlour &c^a and there is a tollerable farmers Kitchen, upon the whole such as to unambitious Minds can afford Content tho' at the rate of 43£s for six Months. The Chief reccommendation of the Spot is that it is dry and reputed the most healthy in the Settle^t and adjoins to my own Lots where I am for the present erecting a log House. M^{rs} P. still keeps up but [is] in hourly Expectation of Confineme^t. She acknowledge[s] with thanks the kind attentions of M^{rs} & Miss A. M^{rs} Richardson has not yet been able to get so far to see us, but from him I learn that she is well and happy. I have been but twice at Newark, to open and adjourn the Court of K. B. The latest News from Europe does not promise a speedy Close to the war in Europe, but seems to flatter us with a Continuance of peace in spite of so many Endeavours on all Sides to disturb it. I have myself as little faith in the Success of *Art* in politicks as in private life so am not gratified by the internal Dissensions in the States which appear to have got to a formidable heighth and threaten little less than a civil war. Could I see any true advantage to be acquired fo[r] the Honor and Interest of England or her Colonies by such an Event, I should have some Satisfaction in the prospect but in my present View of things, I think it not impossible that if the State physicians prescribe phlebotomy they may chuse to employ foreign Operators and provoke a Quarrel with us as a Channel for the bad blood which gives them so much uneasiness. All Accounts from Europe hint at an amicable Settlement with the States at the Expence of [illegible] reperation to be made but the Question of our Frontier does not appear to have been canvassed. Many think that an Idea of Col. Simcoe will be produced, perhaps adopted, of leaving the Indⁿ Territory as at 1763, unoccupied by either party to serve as a perpetual Barrier between us. Such an Event would justly give to our L^t