

nothing left. I think I have lived long enough. at a time of life when we should be enjoying the labours of our youth, we are vexed with disapointments and obliged to deprive ourselves of these comforts which we have been accustomed to is a misfortune. however a few years more and we will have no occation for anything and be on a footing with the rest of the World. [four lines cancelled] however providence knows what is best, a dependence on him is a relief against anything. we must all have our Share of misfortunes in this world. it may be necessary to prepare us for another. I will now quit this Melancholy subject and say that me and my family enjoys good health which is one of the greatest blessings we can enjoy in this life. I am sorry to find your eye is so bad that you cannot write. am in hopes it is only a slight disorder and that you will soon recover.

Our friend Jo Frobisher a few days ago heard of the Death of his favorite Daughter M^{rs} Obrian being burnt to Death by her cloaths taking fire, and my old friend Comodore Grant before you receive this will be informed of Doct^r Wrights Death in Jamaca, and his unfortunate Wife who on her returning to her parants, died at New York on her arrival, these are grievous Troubles, but we are all in the hand of the Almighty and he does what seemeth good unto himself, and for our good altho we cant see it. our friend Todd is well much better than for some years past. I now will give the politicks. M^r Pitt and all his friends are out of the ministry and a new sett are in. The Emperor of Russia Denmark Sweden are all at war with great Brittan. Peace between france & the Emperor of Germany. Bonaparta the greatest man in the World. England in Great distress for bread, which has rais'd it up to two dollars here. Jefferson and his Democratic sett Governs America, which will soon bring on a War with Great Britain. the Hudsons Bay sale of Beaver was 20 p^r C lower than last year and a bad appearance for all furs.

Now my dear Askin I have said all I have to say, and given you a true picture of things, which I have never done to any other, and it gives me pain to think that I have [ms. defaced] to communicate more pleasing to your feelings. dont [ms. defaced] something may Turn up when we least expect it.