

in time—supply the Family with at least two or three prs of *good shoes* each and bring some upper & soal leather with you—some sifted indian meal—a Bl or two of Flour, but we get here exceedingly good Flour & Pork—my Servts are with me & Peter is faithful & usefull, the others so-so—Servts are plenty here & cheap, but you must have a steady careful woman for the Voyage & perhaps longer—I intended to write to your good Brother, but cannot now—another oppy. will offer soon & you shall both hear from me particularly—I must now conclude & send this off, may it reach Thy hand soon & be a comfort to you. My Love to my dearest Children & Kiss Them for me, tell them their fond Papa longs to embrace Them most ardently—My best regards to Mifs. Cooc & Family & all Friends—Pray advise me as soon as possible how & where you expect to embark for—God bless you & give you safe to the Arms of your truly fond, impatient and affte Husband,

James Boggs.

**Copies of Letters written by
MARY (MORRIS) BOGGS
wife of Dr. James Boggs,
TO ROBERT MORRIS.**

Dear Brother

You will doubtless be surprised at receipt of a line from me, and I daresay can't devine the cause that sets my pen in motion after remaining so long in a lethargic state,—why truly it is nothing less then what sets all the world in motion, namely selfintrest, you must know I have taken it latly most inaccountably in my head, to long for a gown made out of a certain figured silk suit of cloathes of your fathers, that he had made at paris, now dear Brother if you have not allotted these cloaths for your own wearing; and have otherways no perticular objection, I should esteem it a favor if you would take the earliest opportunity of sending them down to me, you need not mention the use I want them for, there is coat westcoat & one or two pair of small cloaths, and if you could throw in a westcoat that is well trimed it would be of great service to me at present, they might be put up in the cedar chest which I want very much and sent by Price with the key seald up.

you see I have wrote you a letter not buriness Mr Boggs Regards wate of you, he will write, his first Leasure he yesterday Received yours of the first Instant, is much obliged to you for your orders in regard to Peter, and will Let you know when he arrives.

we have been expecting you down sometime and hope you entend to take up your winter quarters with us, you know how very agreeable it would be to Mr. Boggs and cant want to be assured that it will give equal pleasure to your very affectionate

Sister Mary Boggs.

Shrewsbury, October 7:1770.

I Received with pleasure my Dear Brothers favor by Mr. Delaplain but was sorry to find by it that you was unwell—as have since heard you are pre-siding at Morris court presume you have Recovered your health the Ladies join me in thanking you for the news you sent us it is a rair comodity here, at least to me, it would been rairer still had it all been true, we have nothing new here but what the daily transactions of our general and his mermydons supply us with—that he is Returned in safty from the action at philadelphia suppose you have heard. I am much obliged to you for the pains you have taken to supply me with butter but have mett with better success myself sence you left me have engaged a firkin I believe on Reasonable terms from a man who ows money on an unsettled account,—as to the geting salt, as it is no longer necessary for my own Intrest (which is you know the moving principle of even this patriotic world) believe I must decline doing it, for tilton is so unwell he can scarcely go through with the Buisness of the farme I fear he will git quite sick—have sent your message to Mrs. Leonard but there has not been time since to git an answer, our friends here are all well the children desire there