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life. The scenes in which I have for the last two years been engaged will in the event most probable tend to curtail it, they have certainly served to hasten the infirmities of age and destroyed many of those hopes and prospects, which if realized would have smoothed my passage to the grave. There is little of comfort now to be anticipated but I have reason and most sincerely thank Divine Providence that all has not been wrested from me by the evils inflicted on this once happy and flourishing colony.

While all correspondence was precluded except such as must meet the eyes of the public I could not write for many reasons, it is unnecessary to detail them, one is sufficient, you know the former machinations set on foot against my husband, suspicions were raised and not always removed even by the most conclusive proofs of innocence amongst various characters who have held the supreme authority here, it was possible that some one might have received false impressions from those who imperfectly remembered former transactions, to prevent the most distant shadow of probability I thought it incumbent on me to forego all communication with those friends so dear to me. Your kindness to my son John was sometime since acknowledged by his father, the style of that letter originated from the same necessity, but I have many fears that it did not reach you, that your answer has miscarried or that the unavoidable brevity gave offence when we all longed to express the gratitude we felt. John's habits of procrastination delayed the remittance of the money you had so liberally advanced for it was furnished immediately on his return and it would be a great satisfaction to hear it has been received by you. To relate all that has befallen us since the bitter hour in which our correspondence ceased is as impossible as it would be unprofitable, great indeed must be the change if you have ceased to feel an interest in our concerns therefore I shall as concisely as possible give you some idea of our present situation. The number of our family has not diminished. Mr. Powell has enjoyed good health with the exception of two or three short attacks of fever. Had not the late unhappy war existed his circumstances would have by this time been perfectly easy but the great expenses attending the most economical mode of living have retarded this most desirable and long expected event — Your neices are yet and will most likely continue unmarried. A very pressing invitation for one of them to visit their aunt Prodgers has tempted Anne to talk of a voyage to England. * * *

Evelyn's constitution is greatly improved, ever seeking to serve others she is universally beloved. * * * Mary, your favorite, is changed beyond description, the loss of flesh and complexion has been in part the consequence of a complaint in her stomach, from which she