

longest period, if it please the great Disposer of events to prolong my uneasy abode in this country of aliens for many days yet to come.

To communicate with a friend is almost the only relief from distracting thoughts; for the harmless amusements in which I was engaged last summer and fall, and which served to dissipate uneasy reflections, now having lost their novelty, delight no more.

Yours truly,

S. CURWEN.

June 8. Dined with Judge Sewall at Brompton-Row; and with him his wife and sister, Mr. Blowers and wife, Samuel Sewall and William Browne, was admitted to the queen's palace in St. James's Park. The rooms are large, lofty, and extremely well filled with pictures; many of them said to be originals of the best masters; amongst them are seven Cartoons of Raphael, and a large collection of miniatures in gilt frames and under glass. From thence to tea at Col. Browne's, afterwards to the opera house; entertained with the opera of Antigono, the Signors Rousini and Gabrieli, principal performers, interludes of exquisitely fine dancing.

June 10. Read "*Common Sense*," published in America, and republished here, in favor of American independence; and also "*Plain Truth*," an answer to it; and Provost Smith's oration on the Quebec heroes, Montgomery, etc.

TO DR. CHARLES RUSSELL, ANTIGUA.

London, June 10, 1776.

DEAR SIR :

I congratulate you on your retreat from the land of oppression and tyranny; for surely, greater never appeared since the days of Nimrod. I sincerely wish well to my native country, and am of opinion that the happiness of it depends on restraining the violences and outrages of profligate and unprincipled men, who run riot against all the laws of justice, truth and religion. Sad and deplorable is the condition of those few that like Abdiel, amidst hostile bands of fallen spirits, retain their primitive loyalty. So strangely unprosperous hitherto have been the measures of administration in

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