

My dear Child

_____ 1778

I have been busy Fryday and Saturday collecting, packing, and dispatching, some necessaries for your poor brothers, the boat with them is gone and [^]I have had a messenger every day upon the road between Beach hill and C.^{rs} Town for several days, I am afraid they have the same distemper there that they had at M.^r Lynche's; we lost George and Phebe in a few days, and before I heard they were sick; Abram and little Toby lay at the point of Death on Saturday, some more down, I expect to hear from thence this morning, I order'd, and they had a Doct.^r to Toby and Abram, our Lee from Dorchester, but Doct.^r Garden recommends Doct.^r _____ as a very Clever young man, I wrote to him, and dispatchd my letter soon after day light yester =day; Pray God put a stop to this raging disease. but His Sacred Will be done! Wealth and Poverty, Prosperity and adversity are in his disposal, and

infinite Wisdom guides the whole. I feel these misfortunes, and those that concern my Children keenly too! but I murmur not; blessed be God for what he still leaves us, when he thinks it will be best for us, he will increase it I doubt not.

I expect my utmost resolution, but cant help being anxious for My dear Children at the Southward, I inclose you a letter from Tom to you, would inclose you C.^{rs}, but expect Sally in town to day and keep it to show it to her, for he has so many letters to write he cant write to all at a time, and I find he has wrote a long and particular one to Gen.^l Moultrie; he tenderly desires to be remem=ber'd to you and M.^r Horry, I received these letters on Fryday morning, M.^r E. Rutledge show'd me [^]a short one _____ came by a chance opportunity dated y^e 27th, they had then cross'd the Alatomaha and were upon the March, not that their provisions _____ were arrived that they have waited for so long _____ =th__to, but y.^r brother thinks an Army grows sickly by long incampments, and that it is for the health of the people to keep them in motion.

Pray give my love to M.^r Horry Daniel begs his

duty to both, he is I thank God very well
and broke up. If I had had a horse to carry me
I should have gone to Beach hill my self
(tho' I don't imagine I could have done much
good) and carried Daniel and left him with
M.^{rs} Izard a day. We had the Congress's Address
to the people read in the Church's Yesterday
very Solemn and pathetic, and extremely well
read by M.^r Smith. Thanks for your's by M.^{rs}
Mott, she tells me you look much better I long
for Saturday, and wish you were well down
without a fever. I dined at y.^r Cousins Yester
=day, she has been very kind, and call upon
me several times. I send y.^r News papers
conclude in haste as I began and am

Your most affect.^e Mother

Eliza. Pinckney

Monday June y^e 8th 1778

The inclosed from M.^{rs} Draton to Miss Trapier
Sibley has been extremely ill with a Rheumatic fever
w.^{ch} did not go off for 5 days tho' she was blisterd
I had her in the house and she has been well nursed
tho' is still very weak. little Dick has been ex=
tremely ill I was afraid we should have lost him

also I believe taking him in y^e house and good
nursing was a means of saving him also, so you
may pretty well judge what a time I have had in
y.^r absence.

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