

My Dear Sir

The sight of your Note to know
hand was a great deal more astonishing
than all the Medicines in my shop, as I actually
supposed you had forgot Me Which I am happy
to see is not the case, Your two letters come
very opportunely as Mr. R. was just recovering
from a very tedious and dangerous labour which
she has lately undergone and by which she has
increas'd my family by the addition of a little
daughter born on the 19th January 1711, but which
very near cost her, her life, she is however
recovering to which your letter has not a little
contributed, In confirmation of my last letter I
told you I was on the point of obliging Whittett
to pay me, I did so, I arrested him, and gain'd
the cause, it was for a purchase of shawls he
made of me and after his wife had worn them
four years he told several people they were
good for nothing, My friend Gyles and I both
an unfortunate accident by which he lost his life and I
1043 Rupee he fell off the battlement of A Fort and
was killed on the spot, I think you ought to direct
Glave to proceed against Whittett for the recovery of your
demand and oblige him to pay a substantial
towards liquidation, he did once consent Glave about
letting him off for half the amount of your Bond, which
Glave refused to do, a good deal of the apparatus that
they got for you was sold at auction on acct of
Lathrop shortly after his flight, you sent about
the sum to my father I was

I find it withal: Which will be some time before
I shall have, as our present Government is very
permissive, and with not allow of a pin being made over
and above the salary, nay, every body is Obliged to swear
monthly that they are honest Governours. It has reduced
the funds property of this Country to nearly a par
with England, having called in all their Paper of 8
11 Pence and issued other Treasurers, & sent only. Trade
is very dull and the Glories of Agency can get no cash
for Money on account of it — My new situation
affords me 200 a month out of this I must find a
House & every thing, I have been obliged to build
one which in so doing and furnishing it out &c
little decently it has cost me upwards of 6000
Rupers, this has consumed all my Ready entirely, but
thank God I don't owe a pice to nobody. Next
year I must do something with go home my
Debt, he must be either sent to Calcutta or
Europe. I leave you to judge then how far I
am able to afford what you require. I will
nevertheless do every thing in my power and
should my father as I told you before be in
distress from sickness or inability let him have
half a Guinea a week and I will readily remit
it either to Glare or any other person you approve
of, it is not my intention either to confine him to this
or to establish it, as whenever my circumstances will
allow of it I will do my utmost in the mean time
I must consider that I have 3 small Children to
will for, the oldest not 6 years old, and should I
tomorrow they have none of them a friend to look up
except their Mother, who is in want of every assist
herself, Another thing I cannot think it incumbent on
me to maintain a Wretched Woman, viz my father's wife,
who has been means of reducing him to want & distress

and was the cause of my being turned out of doors
at 10 years of age, was my father alone. I would not
hesitate in making a sacrifice even to provide for
him, but I am determined I never will injure my
own family to benefit or provide for one who has
so irreparably injured me, she has friends & relations
in affluence, her own Mother even, but her worthless
character has estranged her from all these, & with
them be the person hope, I cannot. I hope you think
show the old man this part of my letter as I would not
wish to give him a pang by a retrospection of the
past, he has been very weak in his conduct with
this woman at his first connecting himself with
her, a preliminary article of which was that the whole
of his then small family 2 boys & a girl, should be got rid
of a few months was sufficient to carry all this in to
effect. I was turned out of doors, the little girl my
sister was taken by this woman to a child infected
with the small pox and made blind, which decided
her fate, my brother by her ill treatment was
obliged to run away from her and after a thousand
hard trials at last enlisted for a drummer, to her
blow, and ill treatment, which he described his death
as he died of Hydrocephalus and left 2 poor babes
to want, What I do towards my father, is from
an imperious sense of duty, not affection, as
cannot say I feel any, nor could I ever expect it, my
self had I treated my children in the same manner
or if I should ever, supply their pan, I wish never
see him want, if I have it, but it goes considerably
against my wish & feelings that she should partake even
of it. You have not told me what the Dictionary
you are sending her cost do me in your next
and I will remit the amount, there is a work
published in London of which I have got the 5 first
numbers and should like to get the rest of it, if it is
as good as the rest of my. The Medical Observer

Also the Annals of Philosophy for 1804, 1805 & 11
if published, Medical Observations for 1811.

2 or 3 Song Books with the Sonnet set to the songs
and if you could add to them some Dumpsies Newspaper
it would considerably enhance their value. Also a
good Pocket Magnifier of large focal properties
and if there is any thing newly published that you
think would be useful to me send it also, and a
list of the prices that I may recite you their amount
I have been at a considerable expense in procuring
a library, as they judge a man's knowledge by the quantity
of books he possesses, so accordingly I have purchased
a good Medical collection and need not tell you
that I concern myself making considerable progress
I have succeeded in performing 2 or 3 difficult operations,
one in Midwifery, with considerable credit, and hope
yet to be able to equal if not surpass a Member
of our Medical gentry of this Country. An Expedition
is now getting out, for establishment at Batavia
A very Respectable Com. you will have heard of
tho' that we have got the Moravian. Here whilst
I am writing, our guns are battering away within
my hearing at a refractory Chiefs Fort 16 miles off
this. I have the further pleasure to inform you
that trusting to Fortunes stepping out, I every
year venture in the Calcutta Lottery, and
last year took I, which the drawing
commenced 1st January, & to my great con-
solation out of the 4, I got one prize of
1000^l but am going to try again, our
Lottery is now denominated Calcutta Road
Lottery, the Town Hall which was built
fell down last year is 'Statis quo,' We
have a great report in this Country, that
the army are to be transferred to the King
I wish it may, with some better regulations