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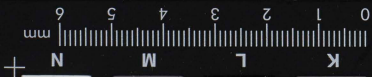
I went at 9<sup>o</sup> & got here at half past one & am shocked almost to a jelly - I have heard of Swensher's Roads but could have no conception of them till I had seen & felt them - it is impossible for any thing to be worse & so narrow that it is sometimes difficult to make an arrangement to take a single horse pass - the side roads are obliged to be down to prevent the Broughs from breaking them in wet weather it would be particularly pleasant as they enter the carriage on both sides - just now it is rather amusing as you gather buds without any trouble - on one occasion I could not help smiling, I met a Lady on Horseback with a Gent<sup>l</sup> behind her & I could not remark the difficulty he had to know what to do with his hands, as one without a constant <sup>traint</sup> ~~traint~~ must make them fall on the

Dear Sister - I must write to let  
you know that I have passed 17 miles of the  
Dunwich & County Roads in a Chaise & am  
still after it - I find my hand shakes but that  
will be remedied - Mr. West now in great politi-  
city - James is out - & Mary is on her way from  
the Stage - - - - -  
Friday, no Saturday - Sunday is no post

Yours affly  
G. J. F.

The point that has been known for a great length of  
time -

At Wellington, which is a little more than the  
distance where I sojourned, I observed a Surgeon.  
They keep up the old Custom - a very pretty Service  
is the Officer - He seemed very ready to show  
me his abilities & is now out of the way where his  
services are wanted & the old Lady of the House said  
he likes it as well as catching Rats - This is a  
delightful day - no sun & very warm - I have only seen  
two birds of prey all the journey - Berkeley is



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