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Dear Sir

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I consider your very obliging letter, with which I have been favored, as a proof of your friendship & regard, & for which I desire to return my particular acknowledgements. I own, I am led to prefer the Opinion & practice of those Gentlemen, who have made the Structure of the Human body, & the Nature of Medicines their constant & regular Study, to those who have not had such Advantages. Byt as Mr. John Hunter told me last Winter, my Complaint lay so deep, that He did not apprehend any external Application would reach it, but that I must trust to time & a good Constitution, I have not lately much troubled the profession. I have certainly a freer use of the leg, but the amendment is very slow, & I must content Myself with having

had a full share of Activity & Motion. If I had them. Though We approve of Mr. Pitt's Measures not been advised against the Use of Warm bathing, I should have been inclined to have tried Buxton, & certainly it would have been a strong inducement, to have had an Opportunity of paying our respects to Mr. Dickenson & of Self. We are Happy to receive so good an account of Her, & the little Louisa. Mr. Fremonger's Complaint in her Eyes is much less than it was, when We first came to town, but her Health is not so perfect, as her friends wish it. My Daughter desires me to say, that she did not receive the letter from Mr. Dickenson, but intends to write to Her very soon.

Tho' I believe you to be a prudent Man, yet I should have been surprized indeed, if you had been the only Man, that had escaped the inconveniency that all the World fall into, when they begin to build, of exceeding their original intentions. I hope you will approve of y^r. alterations, when they are finished, & that you both will have health to enjoy

in general, & wish Him to continue Minister, yet some of his best friends object to the frequent alarms of War; & still more, if they proceed farther; they think, that, during the unsettled state of France, from which Country our chief danger lies, We ought to attend to the lessening our immense debt, especially as now there so fair a prospect of doing it; the new sinking fund redeeming every year £1,700,000 of the 3 p^{ct}.; they farther think, that Russia would be our most useful ally, & that it little imports England, to whom Constantinople should belong.

As you live so much in the Country, I suppose you occupy some land. Where the Quantity is in proportion to the Establishment & the Consumption, I imagine, there cannot be much loss, & that it will afford some amusement. Mr. J. my Daughter & Catherine (who grows tall & is delicate) join with me in presenting our best Wishes, & I am y^r. so y^r. faithful & obliged serv^t.
Joshua Fremonger