

But I, in growing irrependently surdous.

Tell Mrs. H. that I have not — nor will
forget my obligations to her, make my most sincere
respects, & to your brothers & Capt Bishop's family
& such other of my American friends as may
fall in your way. Believe me

believe me
most affectionately

Sincerely

Yr. M.

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I wrote you from Phil.^a & I have rec^d. yours
 of 15th Jan^y for which I am extremely oblig^d. Your
 acknowledgment of a continuance of a cordial esteem ^{for} me
 gratifies me vastly. The opp^y which I've of late had to
 the hint given me with re^l to the tidemen shall be
 attended to, as far as possible. Feel the truth of your remark
 — sensibly feel it — that unless these kind of men have
 gratitude — I shall never be thank^d. But ~~ingratitude as~~
~~marking in general~~ ^(ackn^d convince) ~~and~~ by my own
 frequent experiences of the ingratitude of mankind in
 general) I have not yet learn^d to ~~neglect the~~ ^{neglect the} ~~attent in distress~~
 when it's in my power to relieve 'em. That I may
 in some future day want what I now lose by assisting
 others — is an idea which I never indulge. — It would
 be a species of blasphemy in me. It wou^d argue a distrust
 of that Providence — or GOD — or Fortune (or by whatever
 other name it's called) which has ^{hitherto} dealt out favors to me
 most profusely. In all the variety of vicissitudes which
 I've experienced since I quitted peace & contentment with
 the best of friends in the obscure village of —
 I've never wanted such comforts as my neighbors
 enjoy. I begun me & I bel^{ieve} I never shall. —

I've lately heard from our family by a letter from my father &ally dated 5th March last sealed for the first time these three years. — They are all well. — You, I envy me when I tell you that I've had several charges lately of remitting money to them — my father has contin.^d to negotiate the matter by receiv.^g cash of the prisoners ~~and~~ at Boston & drawing.