

same disorder - Sic transit Gloria mundi - as you say.
I have wrote Chip in two Letters, & shall triplicately and
quadruplicately, Desiring him to send me by the return
Trustee Ship, a few Newtown Pippins, Shagbarks and
Cranberries - do spur him up. This Letter and one to him
goes in an armed Ship when of my friend Capt. Colson is
pastowner, if she arrives safe, tell Chip it will be a
fine Opportunity. - you can't conceive what a regale
Newtown Pippins, Shagbarks & Cranberries would be to us
Refugees. - I have nothing new to tell you of a pub-
lic or private Nature - we are in hourly expectation of
important News from St. H. Clinton - I hope when it
comes to see the City of Bristol again brilliantly illuminated,
as it was lately for St. G. Rodney's Success. M^r. Sewell M^r.
Sam: Sewell, my Sister & my two Boys are all in good
health I assure you of their best wishes.

When you have nothing else to do, if you can
find that time, write a most pious long Letter to

Your faithful Friend,
and, whatever else you wish,

M^r. Winslow

M^r. Sewell

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[Jonathan Sewell to Ed. Winslow]
Trinity Street, Bristol / 7th May, 1780.

Upon my Soul, I don't recollect enough of my Letter to Chip
in May, to comprehend what you mean by terming it a
petting Letter - my Opinion of your veracity is so fixed, that
I cannot, if I would, doubt the truth of your Suggestion - besides,
God knows, I have had reason enough for petfulness, & cursing &
swearing, & damning & sinning, for these six Years past, and
show me a loyal American, of so stouical a Temper, that he has
not, ^{petted} cursed, & swore, & damned & drunk, (to ease his Stomach) at
times, ever since the memorable 19th of April, and I have no more
to say of him, or to him, but that he is a damned fool - I know
of but one such on this side the water - but he, as I can swear
for his loyalty (tho' I could curse him for his Stouicism) shall be
named. - If I fretted at your seeming Neglect, the times, and
my Love of you must bear the Blame - my heart is pettish -
petfulness, Ned, is, upon certain Occasions, the strongest Proof
of Love, Friendship & Loyalty - this I aver and will maintain -
and if from all this you cant make out an ample apology
for your friend, you must even pet in return till your
Stomach is easy, for I have no more to say. You mention
a Letter to me dated in Decr. 1778. under cover to Gov. Wentworth;