

256 Thus far ~~my dear~~ Brother ^{Watson} is for you the rest is
for Lucia - & to you my dear Lucia I will say
that I ^{now} hope after my return from England that
my Ramblings will be at an end, & that I
shall be able ~~the~~ to spend the rest of my life in
the enjoyment of domestic tranquility ^{by a fire side} ~~in a house~~
of my own - with some kind fair female compa-
nion sitting on ^{the} Opposite Chimney Corner - I
am sure I shall ^{surely} enjoy such a piece of good ^{fortune} when
it comes - with a double relish - The long want of
every thing ^{ex} deserves a name of comfortables - has
given me a very keen appetite to every enjoyment
in which - Peace & Tranquility & Regularity make any
part - But if after I have gotten me a fine side
I should not be able to succeed in my nest with
^{some of my female} ~~perhaps~~
- I shall certainly send for ~~my~~ Cousin Betty W
^{for my Mistress of the House}
~~to make her my Vicegerent~~ unless she should
in ^{the} mean time give the preference to the
Old mountaineer Preacher - my dear sister
adieu & God bless you ^{sincerely yours}
^{your truly affectionate}
^{Brother} Wm

John Watson Plymouth N England ^{under} 257
cover to Marston Watson
undercare & cover to M Watson
mtd

St John's June 28. 1787

Dear Eliza

A few days ago Col. Winslow gave me
a letter of yours dated 3 March last to answer
^{it being} because ~~it was~~ on a Subject he was unacquainted
with -

I think a system of Commerce may be
formed between this place & you th & British
Winds - & th Gt Britain it would prove exceed-
ingly profitable to all concerned - at present
I am not at leisure - nor have I had time to
think upon it sufficiently to make a proper
arrangement - I am upon the eve of embark-
ing for London shall ^{sail} in about a week - I hope
to be out this fall - tho am a little doubtful of
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