otherways would — his father Mr Sears of this Town is also dead —
We have sent the Ropes Eagle Elwood master on the Coast of Africa,
the Little Sally & John are on a Voyage to Havana; our Ship
Friendship is just arrived from Lisbon —
There is great change in the politicks of our Country, Mr
Jefferson is President & Mr Burr Vice President — tho' it is far
from pleasing, we hope they will not deviate much from the
late system of administration, we think they will be cautious
in doing it —
Should you think of making an excursion on the Continent
this summer, we should recommend your visiting the Northern
Ports, if you can do it with safety, & it should be your wish;
but on no other principles do we recommend it — If you
should make this town you will endeavour to acquire
information that may be usefull in the course of business, as it
respects the imports & exports, & the standing of our present
Correspondents, or if any other that you should find more
ably to transact our business, or more substantial you of course
will advise us —
We must recommend attention to your health, and to write
us often — We have the pleasure to inform you of the health
of our respective families, they all join in affection to you —

Yours &c
Ropes Eagle Gibbs & Channing