Mr. G. Gibbs jun.r Newport Rhode Island

Dear Sir, Hamburgh 22 April 1803,

We have only yesterday received your much esteemed favor of the 20th Feby, and have learned with particular pleasure your safe return to America, we return you our best thanks for your kind recollection which we request you will kindly preserve us, [illegible] minds, the pleasure we felt, in making your personal acquaintance, and we truely regret, that we are not likely now, to see you soon again in this part of the world, though at a great distance, our wishes for your health and happiness are not the less sincere. — The first impression of the peace no doubt must have been unfavorable to the commerce of America, and it was the same case with us, however the first shock is always the worst, and so matters gradually assume again a more favorable aspect; the profits hereafter will be smaler than in War time but they will be more certain, and eventual losses, less burthens ome. We are thus speaking of the advantages of a Peace while we are threatened with a new war and in which you are likely to be involved too; we hope however still that matters may yet be amicably settled, as nothing offensive has been done on either part hitherto. We have never received the least thing for you from Brunn, thus forward your letter to Mr. Bindner, probably you have sent copy of it