Litchfield June 13th 1803

My Dear friend

In addition to innumerable other favours I acknowledge [illegible] of two [illegible] letters, I cannot express my gratitude to you for your kind solicitude, in any terms that will satisfy my just estimation of it - it is the ardent wish of my heart that you may never want the comforts of that friendship you are so ready to bestow and I trust you will not - how unfortunate that you could have remained longer with me without detriment to your family, I hardly know how to be reconciled to the idea - and if I had my body that I could send I should immediately claim your promise of returning - for since I have enjoyed the pleasure of your company it seems absolutely necessary to my comfort and restoration - I have been better in general than when you were here