London 24th August 1803.

My dear Sir,

Since your departure from this Country, I am without any of your esteemed Letters, but have been informed of your safe arrival in America, which afforded me real satisfaction.

Your three Chests of minerals have been shipped by Mr Eichoff Fillaine of Havre &c the Columbus, Capt. I. King to the address of Messrs S. Higginson & Co. of Boston, (no Vessel offering for New York,) with directions to forward them to you. I hope you have received them long ago, but for fear of accident I enclose you a Duplicate Bill of Lading. The charges paid in France & Switzerland are £96. Tournois, at the Exchange of 24" makes £4.-.- Stg for which I debit you.

You will be much surprised to hear of the failure of Messrs George Barclay & Co which happened a few Days ago, to the astonishment & sorrow of every body acquainted with them, as they were universally respected. I most sincerely hope you may not be affected by this unforeseen event. As I know that Messrs G. Barclay & Co. transacted the Business of your worthy Father's House in this City, I hasten to offer you my best services. My Uncle I Mr.

John