I suspect that Laura & your sisters are somewhat too apt to play the Doctor. George will rarely require physick of any kind – warm clothing, plenty of food & exercise are all that he requires – of Eliza's temperament I cannot judge so well, but I presume the same course is suitable for her.

John is here & I have observed his disposition & habits – his exile at West Point has done him much good: – he has acquired a good mathematical head & understands Geometry well & has formed a robust Constitution – he reads daily & with some order; but does not seem to be violently addicted to literary pursuits: – perhaps during the winter, he may visit you, if you remain at Sunswick –

I expect to supply you with a firkin of good Butter & will send to you, with the Cheese you mention; – we can spare Beef; but will it not be better to send a Bullock, than salted Beef? – I do not know that I shall see Mr Burrows, but I know that he will attend to any request you make.

The business of a Farmer is unproductive of much profit at present, but is better here than in any other part of the U.S. or perhaps of the world: great care is requisite to avoid getting in debt. we can obtain abundance of good food. Clothing & lodgn. and must be contented with what we produce.

Congress will have some serious business on hand. the true course has however been pointed out to them: the Southern States will be the most wrong headed, but they will suffer most, from any mistaken policy & necessity will force them to adopt right measures.