procure and preserve.- this will save you the trouble of reading my advice, and the dear Children, much future suffering.-

Mr Gracie is now here with William - I find his mind is depressed, though not [illegible] no complaints, except of the British & French Governments, by the of which have conducted, most infamously, especially the first.

My own health is better than usual, owing I believe to labour in the Garden, of which I have done more this summer, than for more than Twenty years preceding. I have hoed out my large Garden, several times & it is in better order than usual, without any assistance from the labour of others, for