Newport - your Sister Sarah I saw a moment before she departed & her health seemed restored, Mrs Gibbs & the rest of the family were all well. You have doubtless heard of the great Fire we have had here which destroyed 20 very fine houses, from Charles St round the corner up Beacon Street, I never saw such a tremendous sight as when they were all in flames. The wind blew a gale, the heat & dust were intense & the water seemed to have so little power, that for some moments there was a general consternation, not knowing where it might stop! The Ruins are very fine! — I did not see Mrs Derby on her return, she only passed thro' & hurried to Portland where she has been ever since. her Father has recovered, to the astonishment of every one - Mr D. has posted off for the Springs. My Neighbour Mr Lee is with Mrs Schuyler, who came on here for her as she is in bad health, her Children & Mr Sawyer remain in the house next door to me. The sinking of the Street has continued to cause, both Mrs Gibbs & myself great trouble & expence — She has just completed a high Stone wall between her Land & Mr Sawyers, & we have had the front of our houses &