yard arranged for the second time — all our little gardens in front we have taken up & made a broad side walk of flat stones from one end to the other — This is elevated one step & in addition to this, I have added two steps to my front door — part of the side walk, on my side, is made sloping against the house, I prefered this, to having my Cellar dug down & exposed to the heat. Boston is now very dull but the Lion will arouse when Lafayette arrives great preparations are making for him as in [illegible]ark. Mr Lloyd thought to have him as a guest [illegible] Mansion, but he has been obliged [illegible] that honor, in favour of the pe[illegible] I hope he may not come whilst the hot we[illegible] Costs — I have had a Letter from my friend Mrs Lewis (Nelly Custis) who is now staying at Staatesburg at General Morgan Lewis' with her family, she expects to come on here & to visit Nahant which she admires much.
Mr & Mrs Ritchie stay out at Jamaica plains, she has been there ever since the first of May & he joined her on his return from his voyage to St Croix. Mr Dwight the Clergyman is going to Greece for his health ... only imagine what a fine description we shall have of it & of Lord Byrons death, on his return! How