

Dear Sir, Philad<sup>a</sup> May 19<sup>th</sup> 1777

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-cient Voucher for all Accounts - and  
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year ago. I have sent an Aut<sup>r</sup> of above  
£ 100 Pens: money by a Mr Harad who  
~~has~~ set off a few days ago for Georgia  
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Description: Benjamin Rush on monetary transactions, Philadelphia

The above sum I have paid to Doctor  
Wetherpoon on his Ac<sup>t</sup>. - If he calls  
for vouchers for the Dr<sup>s</sup> account I shall  
think he means to elude paying it  
altogether. My papers & books are  
now 70 miles in the country, and  
would send you an exact state of our  
accounts. Mr Harard will show you  
a taylor's bill of above £20-0-0 which  
I paid a few days ago upon the Ac<sup>t</sup>.  
of one of his sons. I ~~was~~ am bound  
for several other debts of his sons in  
this city. The tavern debt of above £20-0-0  
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Jail. I wish to have those matters settled  
in the most amicable manner. If the  
Doctor pays the two <sup>Mr</sup> Harad carries  
with him I shall be satisfied for the present.  
Hereafter he shall see an exact Au<sup>2</sup> of  
every disbursement upon the Au<sup>2</sup> of his  
family - In the mean time I cannot  
help remembering that I had I attempted  
to injure the Dr in the most flagitious  
manner he could not have treated me  
more indelicately than he has done  
for the ~~most~~ <sup>very</sup> disinterested & painful  
services ~~that~~ I have rendered to him,  
and this is not the first time I have  
been wounded by his ingratitude. ~~for~~  
- Ten thousand pounds would not tempt  
me to suffer the anguish of mind over  
again which I once endured upon the

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Au<sup>2</sup> of his unprincipled son William

I shall endeavour to make  
your two brothers stay in Philad<sup>a</sup> as  
agreeable as possible. I lament that  
the broken state of my family will not  
admit of my entertaining them in  
the way I once saw my friends.

"Cesar's arms" — is an apology  
for confusion in every thing as well  
as for the unequal marriage of  
~~his~~ Cato's daughter. With compl<sup>ts</sup> and  
congratulations to Mr. Houston I am

Dear Sir yours,

Sincerely

B Rush

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