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I wrote my most beloved eve yesterday by  
Mr. Jno Rutter covering a bill of exchange on [Stephen?]  
Gerard for five hundred Dollars at 15 days [sight]  
the second of which you have herewith – the letter  
of advice accompanied both directed to Mr. Mosher  
who will have the goodness to negotiate it for  
you – I cannot explain with what delight I  
heard of you from Mr. Jerome who told  
me he saw you at Mr Lawrences – he also  
told me he saw Amelia and that she is grown  
as tall as you but not a word of Kennedy [?] or  
does he recollect to have seen Mary – Oh  
my guardian angel how I long to see you and  
them – Is Kennedy [?]-? does he learn quickly?  
I hope his duties make him say a lesson every  
day – he wont know his father whose mind  
Is always filled with him his dear mother and  
Sisters

Sisters – I hope you received the [?] dress I sent for him by [Mr. Iain] from Cadiz – The shawl [?] stocking shoes + dresses for Amelia + Mary by Capt Scott via Boston – and I hope you received the cashmere shawl I sent you from the Isle of France by Mr Jos F Kennedy It may [?] the most valuable shawl ever seen at the Isle of France therefore hope you will not leave it as you did the French Hat.

At the moment I was about to leave this I received such an offer for my cargo that I thought it prudent not to refuse as it will enable me to close my voyage then quicken by returning out immediately to the Isle of France. from which place nothing shall prevent me from going home as I repeat my anxiety to see you my most beloved and my dear little children is wound to the greatest pitch

My stay here will start not  
more I hope than five or ten days – it  
is the most disagreeable place I ever  
was in and the people very disgusting  
I beg to be remembered by  
Mr Mosher and Mrs [N Keesan] – my love  
[to] Brody & Betsy – and press [to your]  
heart my dear children – affection  
an angels prayer for your husband who  
loves to adoration his dear wife  
and children

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