

the world must be dealt with, as it is, not as we might wish it to be

we have had a letter from John Smith dated 9th Feb, 1797. he appears to be pleased with his situation, but but looks to America, as the only land of freedom and independence
George and John have been very good in writing;

Susan has been upon a visit at Hingham, this week past. I expect her return tomorrow.

How are Abbe's eyes. Shall I never see her hand writing again? my love to her, and a kiss for the sweet boy, such he must be, if he resembles his Mother.

I hope when I hear again from you, that your mind will have attained ~~attained~~ more composure and your body be restored to more health. both of which are sincerely wished you, by your affectionate Mother

A Adams