

place where I cannot readily receive letters, for I have none yet and
my anxiety increases every day to hear from dear Susan. I trust I shall
get letters soon for I have suffered a good deal in knowing what she must
suffer. If it had pleased God that I could have remained with her in her
tender situation it would have been a blessing I should have been most
grateful for. It has been a severe trial to us both and I fondly hope to
be repaid by our meeting, when I shall be doubly blessed by the sight of my
child. I have suffered so much from leaving her that should my health
be restored I have determined to relinquish a profession, to enjoy and im-
prove in which the mind must become callous and indifferent to
every endearing domestic tie. If my nation could ever have become
so perverted the time is now past and my dear wife and child require
that attention in which duty and inclination are most intimately
combined. I am well aware that it will require exertions to support
them; but to do that any situation is preferable to my present. If I can
obtain a tolerable means of subsistence on whom I will not neglect
it for I now know I have no resources of my own to depend on other
than personal exertions. — If we have a wind we shall be
in Naples tomorrow. I shall have an opportunity of seeing places
the antiquities and unequalled beauties of which would once have
filled me with rapture and delight. I now consider them only as
in the light of my being restored to that health which is so necessary
for my dear wife and child. My anxiety and uneasiness now (in despite
of my exertions) are greater every day and it will be a long long time before
I shall be made easy. In the Merciful Providence of God I trust.