Your letter of the 25th arr. last, my dear lady, has
indeed taken a circuitous route to reach me; first to Phil-
adelphia then to East Chester from thence to New Haven
I finally arrived again to East Chester where I resided about
ten days time; which circumstances made it necessary to
decide a sufficient apology for its having remained
to long unaclimaticized. Little did I imagine, however,
the pleasure of receiving a letter your address,
when I gave my orders that letters should follow me
to New Haven; for believe me I should have been very
content to have sent my books of poetry, independent of
encouraging the delay of a careless Postmaster. However,
allow me to acknowledge to you the pleasure that your
affectionate letter has afforded me; at the same time
think of you for the assurances that my friends still remem-
ber me with affection; that you wish to be frank and
truthful in the welfare of your father and

I must acknowledge I felt somewhat hurt that