

24th of the 4th month, 1760.

Dearly beloved wife,

“WE are favoured with health; have been at fundry meetings in East-Jersey, and on this island: my mind hath been much in an inward watchful frame since I left thee, greatly desiring that our proceedings may be singly in the will of our heavenly Father.”

“As the present appearance of things is not joyous, I have been much shut up from outward chearfulness, remembering that promise, “Then shalt thou delight thyself in the Lord:”—as this, from day to day, has been revived in my memory, I have considered that his internal presence on our minds, is a delight of all others the most pure; and that the honest-hearted not only delight in this, but in the effect of it upon them. He who regards the helpless and distressed, and reveals his love to his children under affliction, they delight in beholding his benevolence, and feeling divine charity moving upon them: of this I may speak a little; for though, since I left you, I have often found an engaging love and affection toward thee and my daughter, and friends about home, that going out at this time, when sickness is so great amongst you, is a trial upon me; yet