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Philadelphia Sept. 5th 1793 —

I got safely to Town between twelve & one & found every thing well at our house —

I have made every enquiry respecting the contagious disorder that the shortness of the time ~~and~~ would admit — the reports are not uniform — the result of my enquiries is — That there is an abatement in the malignancy of the disorder and that the Physicians seem to understand it better — but that as great a number are sick as have been at any time & that it is more spread —

I dont know one of your acquaintance that have died — the alarm is considerable & I am happy you & Peter are out of Town — Mr & Mrs Meade & the Millers — old Mrs McCall & Mrs Bat are all at home & have no apprehensions —

I inclose you a letter from Jackson - my
fears are realised - he is gone into confinement -

Barnwell & M^r & M^{rs} Ramsay desire their best
respects to you -

I shall come to see you I think on Sunday -
shall I bring Betsy up with me?

M. Ent is very sick but not with this
Fever as the term is -

D. Hutchinson is yett alive - but very low -

D. Rush has cured 8 out of 12 & has hopes of
the other 4 - he uses Mercury copiously -

Miss Peter for me she assured that
I use every precaution to preserve your husband

J. H. -