I have for some time my dear Husband wished to write on a subject I thought of the utmost importance but how to begin was the task. My dear Father Elija has set me the example & I cannot I think do better than by adopting her words, in the last letter she ever wrote her dear Lord & which he transcribed in a letter he wrote me a few days since. "The period of my approaching destitution appears to me probably at hand an unavized submission to the Will of providence is what I most ardently desire; yet such is our human weakness, that none I believe can await the awful Hour without a pang. If even than the execrable can not quit this earthly abode without a struggle, how much more lively must be the request of those blessed with tender consciences and enjoying all the sweets of domestic felicity? To be conscious of suffering with sorrow the bosom we would wish to feel, and to leave to unknown fate the tenderest pledge of mutual affection are considerations which might oppose even to a tender mind which a tender mind will find it difficult to struggle with. But when we foresee the probability of misfortune, I conceive it a duty to lessen the effects as much as possible by
by endeavouring to find a remedy, and I believe it must always be a satisfaction to surviving friends to know they fulfill the wishes of those who are forever unable to express their desires. From this supposition, I am induced to write at present, confident if there is nothing material to prevent it, my dear husband will endeavour to act in conformance to my opinion." Thus four the dear Eliza wrote to her afflicted partner. She proceeds with instructions respecting the educating her daughter which perhaps if I had seen would have been exactly those I should have chosen for mine. If I had one, but it is my opinion, and your wish that our infant is a male if so you certainly are the most proper person to instil into its young mind the principles of Religion and Morality, but it will some years before it will be capable of receiving your instructions. Its years of infancy perhaps it would be best it should spend with my dear aged Father he is particularly fond of very young children, & this may serve to amuse the
ull moments, to cause him constantly to think of
the man who had made his Susan happy, to you and
Mr Otto, he can never be too grateful. I can not forbear
to advise you not to marry, nor even to point out a
Woman for your future companion. But let me implore
that you will not be precipitate in your choice. The
Temper of the person is of the greatest importance
to your happiness. we already know that we can be
happy without wealth, but not without consulting
each others wishes in the most trivial affairs. Your
Susan since she has had the blessing of being nearly
allied to you has ever made it her study, and a most
charming one it has been, but every Woman does not view it in the
same point of view, I already know there are many
things necessary to your peace of mind which any
but a woman greatly attached to you might consider
as a sacrifice but to one whose whole heart is solely
yours they are rather gratifications, your reputation
as a kind affectionate Husband none will dare dispute.
This is so valuable a thing that every woman must advocate for
it, and when time has in some measure made you forget
your Susan, who adores you, may her place be supplied by
one who is more worthy, and who will make a kind mother
to my poor orphan, if ever it is entrusted to her care.
I have but little to bestow, but that little of my child
should prove a female. I wish her to enjoy, may she be
taught to consider Eliza Julia Otto, particularly as her
foster and her friend. If a boy, any wearing apparel will
be of little importance therefore I request it may be given
to my foster, perhaps my niece may be in greater want
and you may think it proper they should have a
reminiscence, this the prudence of my dear husband will
be best able to judge of. May the Almighty enable me
to bear the approaching hour with becoming tranquility
and reward the parent of my happiness with every
blessing here and hereafter. Your attention will render
my making use of Mr. Butler's bonds unnecessary.
Therefore my love I will enclose that and your certificate.
you will I trust find that I have been as prudent and
economical as circumstances would permit. I can never
be sufficiently grateful to Mr. & Mrs. Hatcher, my kind foster
has already offered to be a mother if our infant should want
one. I trust you will never forget to consider them as your
relations, the name of you with great affection.