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To, Thomas Hall Esq.
at Mr. Nylands,
in New High Street
Portsmouth

I received my Great Cousins Letter Last night & blessed God to find you so well & that Molly is so brave tho' I cant help fearing they have been too quick with her physick which renders her weak & Complaining of her Eyes but hope all that will be over ere this gets to you, the wind still westerly surely the almighty pittys me tho' no mortal may, for all my wishes has been that tho' I was left in this situation yet I hoped you would not quit the English shore till you had heard of yr families situation, after leaving them in such a disorder, if this reaches you it will assure you of all coughs &c &c being clear of all yr 4 children & all has taken this day there 2 Dose physick & seem perfectly well & chearfull if any accident happens I hope it will not be imputed to me as I have strove to do my part, tho' till this day from Last Thursday I ed nights I cant say I have been free from paines, which few knows & but one the pain of mind, Oh Tommy I know not if this may meet yr hands if it does remember you left me after such distresses that no man who card not a figg for their Wifes would do much more one who has thought the best of — the tender frame paint to yr self, would have done, tis true it raises me in the sight of the World, if I valued praise or went abroad to seek it, but how must it affect me when all Mouths that utter it are so very Indifferent, but tis from whom I alone should receive it, tis true many makes me their subject of discourse all pittys me but what is their pittys to me or their praise, my all in this world was centered in you & my children, the chief is gone & I am left to gawrd, not enjoy, the remaining part w^{ch} are all well myself in my usual way, do you think that air or Exercise

can cure a wounded heart no I've tried it often & lately, will not
do, my only trust is now in my God who I hope will relieve me
soon from all chains, yr children has air'd it out twice w:
me, the news I leave to the papers, as I go nowhere nor see
any but the Doct^r, Peck, or I shirk who one or other of
the 4 he sends to stay w: Molly he was vastly kind till the
children came down stairs then I forbid him to come
here for fear of his getting the disorder himself, I writt you
last Friday & sent 8 pound chocolate to M^r: Nyland by
the Stage in a box which hope you have got, the packet
arriv'd but not a line to me, or you that I see God help me,
I hope no more bad news, that I cannot get a Letter to
you or my^{self} but if there is & I am kept in Ignorance I'll
never forgive the person that keeps the hidings from me
I think after the loss of 2 such mothers the loss of a child
& being left by a Husband w: 4 children in the hands
& I p^r to Mrs it all I need not fear any hidings from I
oh hated name as yet, may the almighty think that I've
suffer'd enough in & by that place, to screen me from more
should he reserve me for other end, not to have more to
make me more miserable, but bless & preserve you &
conduct you safe there & from thence to yr poor babes
if not to me, & grant you success in all yr undertakings
yr children & I humbly pray join me in all due tendres
to you & M^r: Lewis God preserve you all is the sincerest
prayers

of my^r: Cousin
yrs most truly & affly
M^r: D

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I have got a little boy & this day a new man m^r: I got his
character & agreed w: him, 11 p. man, John goes in a day
or two, m^r: Day is to come to live with me soon

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[wife] to Thomas Hall, 1761 November 17**



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