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Philadelphia the 4th mo 12th 1689.

Dear R.H.

My love unfaind so I salute thee & thy well beloved wife & little ones thou art often remembered by me when alone in the solitary woods thou art thou sweetest brought near me and the heavenly opportunities of joy and consolation we have had together are brought to my mind and do say what am I or what I have become that thou a lord dost give me the the delightfull enjoyment of thy self and of thy chosen ones far beyond my desert in this wide and vast solitary desert wilderness surely the lord its good to feed us with food for our souls and a home of the fattest house who diligently waits for his called therefore remember us before the lord that we may be continued in his favor James Down Roge assure thy self that I cannot forget for the moment of thy kindness and many for ~~the~~ ~~best~~ ~~interest~~ ~~of~~ ~~me~~ ~~always~~ ~~from~~ ~~the~~ ~~first~~ ~~of~~ ~~my~~ ~~acquaintance~~ ~~with~~ ~~thee~~ ~~and~~ ~~was~~ ~~always~~ ~~blissful~~ ~~in~~ ~~the~~ ~~times~~ ~~of~~ ~~need~~ ~~far~~ ~~from~~ ~~me~~ ~~do~~ ~~thou~~ ~~art~~ ~~dear~~ ~~to~~ ~~me~~ ~~in~~ ~~life~~ ~~and~~ ~~I~~ ~~can~~ ~~reade~~ ~~thee~~ ~~near~~ ~~in~~ ~~the~~ ~~records~~ ~~thou~~ ~~of~~ ~~the~~ ~~want~~ ~~of~~ ~~thee~~ ~~is~~ ~~great~~ ~~thou~~ ~~and~~ ~~thou~~ ~~enjoyment~~ ~~I~~ ~~have~~ ~~had~~ ~~of~~ ~~thee~~ ~~is~~ ~~great~~ ~~is~~ ~~more~~ ~~now~~ ~~than~~ ~~ordinary~~ ~~for~~ ~~I~~ ~~am~~ ~~at~~ ~~left~~ ~~alone~~ ~~the~~ ~~pleasurable~~ ~~company~~ ~~of~~ ~~some~~ ~~of~~ ~~those~~ ~~with~~ ~~I~~ ~~took~~ ~~delight~~ ~~in~~ ~~thee~~ ~~now~~ ~~removed~~ ~~from~~ ~~me~~ ~~to~~ ~~be~~ ~~here~~ ~~enjoyed~~ ~~no~~ ~~more~~ ~~by~~ ~~me~~ ~~A~~ ~~sorrowful~~ ~~and~~ ~~I~~ ~~have~~ ~~here~~ ~~to~~ ~~give~~ ~~thee~~ ~~of~~ ~~the~~ ~~loss~~ ~~of~~ ~~dear~~ ~~friends~~ ~~that~~ ~~was~~ ~~truly~~ ~~so~~ ~~to~~ ~~me~~ ~~that~~ ~~is~~ ~~all~~ ~~the~~ ~~faithfull~~ ~~query~~ ~~where~~

I th. well beloved friend in the remembrance thee I am refreshed and comforted because of the love where with I love thee the endearments of my soul to thee I cannot by tongue express nor by pen demonstrate but this I can say I am truly thine and thou art beloved of me above many ~~and~~ ~~days~~ in thy life I have often been refreshed ~~and~~ in thy labour of love, glad the very remembrance of the sweet seasons & when the dew distilled upon the tender herbs and the refreshing showers descended ~~and~~ the sun of righteousness appeared amidst splendour ~~and~~ the lily flowers appeared in their lowliness & beauty with ~~the~~ ~~angel~~ ~~of~~ ~~heaven~~ ~~of~~ ~~gold~~ ~~is~~ ~~enlarged~~ ~~of~~ ~~heart~~ ~~because~~ ~~of~~ ~~the~~ ~~lowliness~~ ~~of~~ ~~those~~ ~~times~~ ~~I~~ ~~cannot~~ ~~them~~ ~~nor~~ ~~never~~ ~~shall~~ ~~I~~ ~~have~~ ~~not~~ ~~express~~ ~~them~~ ~~and~~ ~~they~~ ~~nor~~ ~~never~~ ~~can~~ ~~but~~ ~~they~~ ~~are~~ ~~recorded~~ ~~never~~ ~~to~~ ~~be~~ ~~obliterated~~

