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Dear Colton The 17th mo 17th D^y

friend Tho: I trusting my Dear love do I Salute thee, hereby thou
 may know that, I ~~the~~ thing dated the 23rd of the last month but had
 not A Conviency to deliver thee an Answer until now I was not at
 home when it came & have been a broad Sire, how ever thou may now
 acquaint thee that thy letter was ~~very~~ Satisfactory to me ~~as~~ ^{as I}
 Answered ^{gave to} thy forward mind as thou I perceive had met with very
 honest & true & I believe had I been in thy case I should not well have
 said less; & I am sorry that we should have any so fond & foolish
 amongst us as to utter such like expressions as that to go to Suri A
 place is to avoid all care & exertion; or that any should go there
 to avoid sufferings for if any do they may very well & justly from the
 love & frustration in their ~~expectations~~; however we must bear it as
 well as we can for Suri it seems there are amongst us, ~~but~~ will
 discover them in its own time; but as to what thou writes concerning
 thy coming to Liverpool & of what thou said to me at London thou
 says thou told me that thou might as well come to Liverpool as to any
 other place but thou would not engage until thy ship returns; I never
 urged thee to engage until thy ship returns, but there were my
 words to thee that there were several friends in the Country inclinable
 to go ^{to for my business} & I had believed they would rather go by thee than many others; &
 thou said thou would as soon come ^{to Liverpool} as to another place if
 thou could have a freight, & I asked thee how many thou would call a
 freight thou said 6 stone I asked thee if thou would not come for
 5 stone thou said yes I after some discourse asked thee if thou would
 not come for 4 stone thou told me thou would come for so many
 I not knowing how things might fall I urged thee ~~no lower~~ ^{as I}
~~believe thou would have come for a smaller number;~~ but I finding thee
 willing & Condescending I desired thee after thy return not to engage
 thy self to any person until thou had write to me, that if in the mean
 time I did perceive there was like to be a freight for thee I might
 signify the same to thee & there upon thou not engage thy self any
 other way, but if otherwise for thee to take thy opportunity of my letter
~~I sent to thee was only to put thee in mind not to engage thy self~~
 until thou had inform'd thy promise to me at London why it was about
 and I do perceive thou understand'st of my letter amiss; for thou
 writes in thine as if I had friends would by a vessel if ~~there were not~~
~~there~~ I would not so, but that some of them were ~~ready to~~
 did intend to go by other vessels if thou would not take them there
 I did not mean to purchase one but pass in along if thou would
 take them in thine, I also desired to know what was thou had of
 vessel or other vessels that were bound for that place but thou
 answer me it would be that, having not they at present but my ver
 load is that I am thy true loving friend Tho: that 17th mo

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Phineas Pemberton

Boston

11 mo 17. 1681.

to
Thomas Lurking

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