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Deare friend Tho: Lurting wth deare love do I salute thee, hereby thou may know that I the time dated the 23 of the last month but had not a conveniancy to returne thee an answer untill now I was not at home when it came & have been a broad since, howeuer they may now acquaint thee that thy letter was very satisfactory to me as they do believe thinke Answers thereunto, I am very forward minds as thou I perceive hast not wth were very honest & true & I believe had I been in thy case I did not will have said soe; & I am sorry that we should have any so fond & foolish amongst us as to utter such like expressions as that to go to such a place is to avoyd all care & exercise, or that any should go there to avoyd sufferings for if any do they may very well & justly from the love be frustrated in their expectations; howeuer we must bear it as well as we can for such is seemes there are amongst us, but time will discouer them in its owne time; but as to what thou writes concerning thy coming to Liuerpoole & of what thou said to me at London thou says thou told me that thou might as well come to Liuerpoole as to any other place but thou would not engage untill thy ships returne; I never urged thee to engage untill thy ships returne, but there were my words to thee that there were seuerall friends in the Country intimable to go, & I did believe they would rather go by thee then many others, & thou said thou would as soone come to Liuerpool as to another place if thou could have a fraight, & I asked thee how many thou would call a fraight thou said 6 score I asked thee if thou would not come for 5 score thou said yes I after some discourse asked thee if thou would not come for 4 score thou told me thou would come for so many ~~& I not knowing how things might fall I urged thee no lower or I believe thou would have come for a smaller number,~~ but I finding thee willing & condescending I desired thee after thy returne not to engage thy self to any upon untill thou had write to me, that if in the mean time I did perceive there was like to be a fraight for thee I might signify the same to thee & thereupon thou not engage thy self any other way but if otherwise for thee to take thy opportunity & my letter sent to thee was only to put thee in mind not to engage thy self untill thou had performed thy promise to me at London wch is as a bond and I do perceive thou understands ye of my letter amiss; for thou writes in time as if I did friends would by a vessell ~~if they could not take them~~, I writ not so, but that some of them ~~were resolved to go~~ did intend to go by other vessells if thou would not take them there I did not meane perchance one, but passe in others if thou would take them in thyne, I also desired to know what act thou had of vessell or other vessells that were bound for that place but thou answer me a word to that, having not ye at present but my very to the abouesaid load & that I am thy truly louing friend Tho: Chase Member

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to
Thomas Lurting

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