God Bess. As we could not but be very sorry at the deplorable news brought us of the disease of your late husband, in respect of the loss we conceive of so good a servant to us. So our knowledge and remembrance of your tender and dear love ever to him, hath brought a more feeling in us by participating in your grief; not being desirous to add to your miseries in you, could not but show the same, by putting you in mind even by these affectionate and loving lines from one so near Natures son. Work being now done in him by the divine providence of the Almighty, you are first and above all by quiet yielding to his perfectable ordinance, to call for comfort of him. And then to remember unto you. That besides your good father and mother whom God is pleased to suffer you to enjoy, you shall be sure of us your gracious Sovereign to have a constant and loving care of you for our best good. And so good Bess remain we comforted in God and us.

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