

Steventon 20th Augst 1775

My Dear Sister

Your Letter, for which I sincerely thank you, gave us very great pleasure by the good account it brought of our nephew George's safe arrival at Jamaica, which was a circumstance we had for many weeks been very desirous of hearing; may all your future Letters from both the young men be as favorable in the accounts they contain of their Health & Welfare as this was. Weaver has our warmest wishes for his success at Cambridge. Many thanks for your good wishes, We are all, I thank God, in good health, and I am more nimble and active then I was last time, expect to be confined some time in November. My last Boy is very stout, and has run alone these Two months, and he is not yet sixteen months old. My little Girl talks all day long and in my opinion is a very entertaining Companion. Henry has been in Breeches some months, and thinks himself near as good a man as his Bro^r Neddy, indeed no one would judge by their looks that there was above three years and a half difference in their ages, one is so little and the other so great. Master Van is got very wek again, & has been with us these three months, he is gone home this morning for a few Hollidays.

The Wheat promises to be very good this year, but we have had a most sad wet time for getting it in, however we got the last Load in yesterday just four weeks after we first began Reaping – I am afraid the weather is not likely to mend for it Rains very much to day, and we want dry weather for our Peas and Oats, I don't hear of any Barley ripe yet, so am afraid it will be very late before Harvest is over.

I was in hopes I should have seen you in Hampshire this Summer, but it is now getting so late in the year that I suppose I must not [think?] of it, and especially as you have so many young people under your care. I am [paper missing] should be most sincerely glad for see [paper missing] could come. I have nothing more to [add at?] present but our Love and good wishes [for your?] self and my Bro^r and for all your young ones: I am very glad to find Mr Freeman under takes the care of the little Orphans – my Boys desire Duty and Love.

From your very affectionate Sister

C. Austen