My dear children what legally shall I leave to you or what shall I say to you. Feign words I do something while I live that may contribute to your real benefit and advantage our lives are all exceeding short and uncertain and at this time in especial danger. But do I think of parting with you and all these dear in this world his precious and hard to think of leaving you—so familiar and domestic so ignorant and exceeding prone to error and mistake and have your imaginations imposed upon you in a world so flattering and allure and so deceitful and vain and empty and continually deluding out disappoint and misery but ask do I relent from the thoughts of leaving you if I live but a little and remove you from the evil accidents and distresses your bodies are exposed to from disappointment or frustration of your most ardent desires his near this great end I leave to you and all is called outward prosperity has unsafe and you be even in these circumstances it is that I dare not wish for you. Oppress himself which is vastly more to be deplored not only your desires be like to be more insatiable but your
will more turbulent and you must more use of in bearing the last cross your compatriot much more likely to
hearten and you grow more arrogant
and independant on prudence and your
natural prophanes and Rebellion
against your maker to increas — and
you will again and again but like
a restless mind might perhaps have
much less quiet and satisfaction even
in this life as well as be expected to
be forever undone if you were
from your youth exercised with free
grace sickness and rains with pain
ty and disgrace or by some gracious
disappointments and crosses forced to
give up your dependence on the world
of such stumbling stones we —
compel that our original nature often
under affliction
breaks and gives way before our
wills are subdued and are made to be
defeated patient and humble
seem and my friends have you ex-
serf from these afflictions and troubles
and be made vertuous and with piety
and hapiness by epie methods
but this I must leave with an