

T.Aspinwall Esq.

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My dear Sir,

I had much pleasure in receiving your favour of 20th inst. confirming what Mr Rotch had previously told me of the intention of Mrs Aspinwall to pass the winter here. the prospect of this unexpected acquisition to our society, as you may well suppose affords Mrs Appleton and myself the greatest satisfaction. and from what we have seen of the place, I feel convinced Mrs A. could not have chosen a place in England, where she could pass the time of your absence more comfortably. This is truly a City of Lodgings, and the mystery is reduced to a perfect system, affording the occupiers generally less trouble than I have ever before found in Housekeeping.

Mr Rotch wrote you yesterday, he thinks as lodgings can be procured any day, that it is not worth while to engage any so long before hand, as we should have to pay a higher price, or pay for the intervening time. I fully agree with him in this, and also that it will be quite as well for Mrs A. and the little ones to remain at a hotel for a day or two until accommodated. The Inns here are very quiet and accommodating, and I think it would be more satisfactory to her to see her rooms before taking. The Parade on which we live is the warmest part of Bath, and there are many unoccupied apartments at present on it. and no doubt such as will suit will be disengaged when she arrives. She will have no occasion to bring any thing with her but what little plate she may want. all the rest is found, also the Cooks and housemaids work is all done. we have a nurse maid for our child, and a girl to wait and run errands. and these we find amply sufficient.

The markets are good, convenient and well arranged the prices less than either London or Liverpool. the keepers of the Lodging Houses are generally civil and good cooks. "tis their vocation". If Mrs Appleton or myself can be of any service pray command us. I am idle enough to attend to any thing, and feel my inclinations fully correspond to my idleness. when your good Lady arrives I trust from a little experience in the place we may be useful some way or other. And so, you are actually going to America? why cannot you wait until Spring. and I will go with you? I regret that I cannot see you before your departure. But my business will not call me to London before you leave it. and you must be too much engaged to take Bath in your way to Liverpool. I thank you for your offers but I have nothing particular to trouble you with at present. You will of course see my friends in Boston. and can tell them all you know about me. I trust I shall again hear from you before you go. If not be assured you have the best wishes of Mrs A. Miss P. and myself for a short & pleasant Voyage and a safe return.

If you find any way in America, by which a man can make some money, pray let me know. As I have been doing nothing but spending it for some time. Pray remember us to your Lady & little ones. give my compliments to Mr Bates I had no expectations Mrs B. would have been in London this year. the lease will be quite in time when Mrs Aspinwall comes.

believe me Dear Aspinwall

Your friend etc

E. Appleton

This is a fine place for children, as the streets are all flaggd over on account of the inequalities of the ground are quieter than any other place I know of.