

Gatehouse Postal History

1796 – 26th September

James Murray, Cally to Robert ?, Monmouth

Postal charge was 9½d.



Consider our Land, if your old friends should see us
will allow us to eat it in comfort & plenty,
indeed I don't wonder at their being particular
reassur'd at this Country for certainly, had it
been us, they might long since have enjoy'd it,
however as we have fruitly recover'd ourselves,
by our perseverance in the war, they may thus
more readily forgive us, the current account
be turning in the Emperors favour however at
present, & he may perhaps recover his Dominions,
but no Peace can compensate for our loss in
Honour & Money, I have no doubt but we
shall be ^{so} entoxicated with the Archduke's
late success, that the war will go on much
longer will be voted, as necessary & needful
in any Nation, but I don't like the subject, so shall
not trust myself further upon it — I hope your
Sister in law, ^{shall be} soon be re-established, & that I
may have the pleasure of seeing your Brothers
here — Many thanks for your good wishes to my
unfortunate family, they are all thank God
very well, the Infant got over it by throwing
the small Poxe in inoculation, when near 100
Children were dying daily all around me of a most
malignant sort, I think I have been fortunate in

Part letter. Handwriting sometimes difficult to read. Laments the war, which was turning in the Emperor's favour (?). Also refers to infant recovering from smallpox inoculation when many children nearby were dying daily.