

and then say whether you can see any  
 charitable reason for any one to aim at my  
 dismissal, or at making my conduct appear  
 so notorious to the world. O let truth  
 speak one word to your attentive ears.  
 Has not my situation been peculiarly  
 distressing? Have not I been in a state  
 of delirium next to madness during the  
 time I have been giving way to those  
 foolish and abominable ideas which  
 have occupied my mind. There has been  
 no other period in my life past in which  
 I could have attempted to reconcile such  
 wild measures as I pursued, to my  
 conscience and I trust there will  
 be no other period in my future  
 life, in which I shall be suffered to  
 by my divine Master to entertain  
 them. May not a modest appeal  
 be made to past experience, to mitigate  
 the injury, which I have been doing  
 to myself. Where is there a female  
 of my own nation, who can charge  
 me with a lascivious look? Let me  
 not be misunderstood, I mean not to  
 take refuge here. I know my  
 heart has at all times been a fountain  
 of vile thoughts, and that being  
 virtuous in one instance, is no  
 excuse for being corrupt in another.  
 The above however, are considerations  
 which a feeling mind would not  
 lose sight of; nor do I think  
 the Society will, after a more ma-  
 ture deliberation, wish to part these  
 links in the chain of my destiny.  
 viz. That I embarked in their