

# The Course of Love

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New York, 12mo 20, 1763.

SAMUEL RHOADES & WIFE,

Dear Friends as our Son Thomas has for Some time past acquainted us of his Love and Good Esteem for your Daughter Mary and we conceiving a Good opinion of her & Family was well Pleased with his Choice but hearing it was a Strait with you to part with her to Come to this Place we Could but Sympathize with you in the affair so ware Silent in the Case on that account.

However he informs us you have Left her to her Liberty and she has Turned the Scale for Comeing we desire it will be made easy to you and hope we Shall allways have a Parental Care for her and Conclude you are Sensible there is that attracting Power of Love in all Parts that Can make one in the best part if Adhered to. If this should be the happy case then it will be a matter of Great Comfort to us all.

Tho we have thus far exprest our minds we know not what may happen between the Cup and the Lip as the Saying is but shall Contentedly Submit all to that Director of all Good—and subscribe with Love unfeigned to you all & to your Dear Daughter Mary in Particular.

THOMAS FRANKLIN.

MARY FRANKLIN.

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RICE JOHN.—Lady Conway to Henry More. Ragley, 29 November, 1675 :

“ What a Quaker told you of G. Fox being acquainted with Rice John is true, and that he hath been sometimes to hear at his congregation (as he has been at most other congregations), but they certainly affirme that he never was of his congregation nor agreed in opinion with him, and I hope we may believe the account they give of themselves that they never were infect'd with what you call Familisme, though perhaps some simple people amongst them may have expressed themselves in suspected terms out of ignorance.”

NICOLSON, *Conway Letters*, 1930, p. 408.