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short of retirement from what is called the world.
Not that partial seclusion, which admits of
occasional visits & correspondence, but a total
seclusion. My motives I need not explain - They
arose from various causes. - However I
begin to revive again, & hope I shall soon have
cause to think as highly of my own countrymen as
of those illustrious foreigners you name to me
under the titles of Nabobs, Rajahs, Chanees &c
&c. The anecdote of the Prance
is delightful - I shall get it inserted into
some of our Newspapers, that the unmarried
Ladies here, may observe ~~the~~ new & unexpected means,
~~successes~~ which 'may break the bonds of
celibacy.

I must now tell you how vaccination is
going on here. Owing to the illiberal, the
cruel, conduct of a few Medical Men in this
country who deluded, I may almost say bewitched,
the common people with their infamous publications,
the practice among the inferior orders of society
was nearly abandon'd, & the smallpox again let
loose upon them. Observing its defolating effects,
I had recourse to the following Expedient, namely