

Transcription epistle in Jane Sharp's *The midwives book*

TO THE MIDWIVES OF *ENGLAND*.

Sisters.

I Have often sate down sad in the Consideration of the many Miseries Women endure in the Hands of unskilful Midwives; many professing the Art (without any skill in Anatomy, which is the Principal part effectually necessary for a Midwife) meerly for Lucre's sake. I have been at Great Cost in Translations for all Books, either *French, Dutch, or Italian* of this kind. All which I offer with my own Experience. Humbly begging the assistance of Almighty God to aid you in this Great Work, and am

Your Affectionate Friend *Jane Sharp*.