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Dear Madam

I am afraid you will think me a very slow Correspondent; and, to confess the truth, I think myself so. However, I beg you will not imagine my Silence proceeds either from want of Respect or Affection. But if you should ask me from what it proceeds, I must own I should be at a loss what to say, unless you will admit of the honest but unpolite excuse of Savings. I have put into a neat gilt Frame your very excellent Favour; I look upon it as one of the chief Ornaments of my Room, & I assure you it is highly admired by the best Judges, even by some Ladies who have seen extremely fine things of that kind in the Nunneries abroad.

Our glorious Coronation is now over; I wish you had been here to have seen it: as to my self, I durst not venture: but by all accounts it was the most superb and magnificent Sight that ever was exhibited in Europe. The amazing number of Spectators, and the Joy

that appeared in every Countenance; the Richness of  
the Coats, the elegant Patterns of the Silks, & their  
vast variety; the Profusion of Jewels, the Beauty of  
the Ladies, set off by all that Art & Elegance, assisted by  
Wealth, could furnish; displayed a Scene so grand  
and so enchanting, that some of the Spectators have  
declared they could scarce forbear imagining them-  
selves transported to Fairy-Land.

If you are still at my Cousin Sanders's, I beg  
you will give my Compliments to her, and to y<sup>r</sup> Family,  
& many Thanks for all Civilities there: if you are  
so little of a Kake as to be got home again, pray  
let me be most kindly remembered to all friends at  
Duffield: & also to dear Mr. Shackray whenever you or  
your Papa may chance to see him. My Sister desires  
her Respects to you & to my Cousins, and I am with  
great truth & sincerity Dear Cousin

Your most faithful & obed<sup>t</sup> Serv<sup>t</sup>

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