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Friday Morning

My dearest, dearest, dearest Sister, friend;

I understand from what I heard
last Night, we are not to have, let me
say, that I am not to have ye. delight,
ye. happiness, ye comfort of yr. company
at W^m O'Heavens how shall I spend
these long Evenings. My B^r is con-
-tented. ~~—————~~ ~~—————~~ ~~—————~~, but poor
me, my dearest, dearest, dearest Friend does
not; I cannot help returning for ye pain
from whence I set out it is what I have
uppermost in my mind. Excuse me
my friend, pardon me my friend, if I
tell you, that I feel even by these

trifling little reparations, that I never
shall be able to part with you, yes my
even dearest Friend it will be impossible
it will be a shock much too strong for
either my spirits or constitution to sup-
port; do not comment too severely upon
this sentence, I never by all that is
sacred ever say any thing to you
which does not proceed from ye. Bottom
of my heart.

I suppose M. F. is sensible
that I have really cause to be angry
with her, & therefore she takes all ye
little means that are in her power
to avenge it; but she is mightily

mistaken, I find she really does not
know me, for so far from being angry
with her I pity her, however sufficient
let me tell you that Ingratitude
is ye. forunner, I think it ye worst of
all vices, there is a blackness, and in-
- veteracy, & hardness, in y^t. vice which
surely one w^d. think never ought to
have entered into ye. human breast.

However now to return to ye. ~~last~~ begin-
- ning of ye. last ~~Chapter~~ long sentence
or rather to explain ye. reason of my re-
- moving M^r. J. as our subject again
well then on Wedⁿ. Evening when you
was in our company, when you was sitting
by ye. other party at Card^s. & C^o.

as I was returning out of y^e. Room after
our party had been over, L. C. had
been upon y^e. same Guard, which
I had been, which was to see how far
y^e. party had got in y^e. Bed, as
we were both returning before I got
to y^e. Door way, she laid hold on my
Arm & then told me y^t. her S. H.
had desired her to say that she had been
working a ribbon watch Chain, that
Evening, that she sh^d. be very happy
if y^e. dear C. of — W. w^d.
accept of it, what sh^d. I answer
but to be sure I sh^d. be very happy
of receiving it, accordingly she sent
it to me yesterday Morning, now

may I, may I, may I, flatter myself
 that my dearest, dearest, dearest
 friend, will if I send it ^{her} for as a token,
 if ~~you~~ ^{she} doesn't exactly know how to make
 up ~~the~~ sort of thing, will put herself
 to ye. trouble of working me one by
 my return, with her own beautiful white
hands, take not this as a compliment
 but as ye. real truth, it is what is due to you.

Plaintive Dear Murray needs no flowers of speech.
 I have heard, My M. remarks ^{Pope} hundred &
 hundred of times, not only to me but to
 many People, that they were almost
 ye. greatest beauties she had ever seen,
 adding at ye. same time y^t. she never
 saw any thing so frightful as the of M. G
 or of M^{ca} M.

You once made me promise in London
my Friend that I w^d. apply to you
whenever I wanted a Quire, many I
therefore just say y^r. Miss ~~_____~~
is almost worn out. I c^d. not think
of wearing her work before I had any
from you, may I therefore hope you
will trouble yourself upon my account
in these two instances. I leave y^r.
to do as you see you like to make y^r.
I only send you ye. chair for ye. cost
of thing.

I had already sent my answer
to M^r. F. before you desired me to
write, it was a mere verbal message of
thanks, it w^d. have been prostituting

yo^r friendship. it would have been
putting her upon a par with yourself,
if it wd. have been making her a friend,
when I have flatter'd myself that I
have one to whom I can unfold ye.
most inward recesses of my Soul.
ye, my friend, I esteem yr. friendship
beyond every other earthly possession,
a happiness, a comfort, an honor.
nothing unequal to me in this world.
Adieu, my God grant, long continue
so. Adieu, Adieu, Adieu my
dearest, dearest, dearest Friend
may you enjoy all ye. blessings, happiness
& comforts of this life, & that hereafter
we may meet new again to part, such
is ye first & last Prayer of Solomon.
We are sincerely affectionate
Conjoints de mere.

