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My dearest, dearest, dearest Sister, Friend

I am excessively happy to hear, that you are again perfectly well & that yr. abominable pain in yr. side has left you, & that you are again in better spirits. I believe yr. Letter last Night, was abominably saucy no body can deny it. I sh^d. not have made excuse for want of time, had I had it but I have been successively hurried ever since my return from yr. I have not had a moment to spare in my own, my greatest pleasure is in

writing to you, next to conversing with
you, & that is ye. greatest pleasure,
happiness, & delight y^t. I can experience.
But I beseech of you y^t. whatever
spirits or cheerfulness you may enjoy
Oh never, never, never hurt me as you
really did last night, by supposing
me capable of discontinuing eter-
nally a friendship which was, is, &
ever shall be my principal object
to cultivate, that is what I call
trifling with my feelings, my
feelings are strong as yrs. I have, as
strong affections as you can have,
therefore I beseech once more never

to know out such doubts again, but believe
what I say & tell on that you
do so in yr. next. I have not begun
upon the remaining part of yr. character
I was too uneasy to do it, till I
had wrote this short Note. Adieu
dearest & dearest, dearest Friend & Sister,
& believe me when I say that I
shall unto my last breath be.

Yr. sincerely & ever affectionate
Brother & Friend

P.S. Palmon tant mieux de même
I show you love to plague me.

