

23^d Sep^r. Thursday
1779 Monday

My dearest, dearest, dearest Sister, Friend,

Your Letter which I received
Yesterday gave me if possible more satisfaction
than any of yr. preceding ones. I
am sure I am not worthy of a kind
expression you are so good as to apply to
me, but it shall be ye principal object of
my whole life to merit yr. ^{Friend} May I,
may I, may I, my Friend, if it is
not too much for you, ask one more
^{that if we should ever separate}
favor of you which Heaven forbid we
ever should (at least I hope our hearts
never will, mine I am sure will ever fondly

ly soot. upon you) you w^d. not make
my friendship, my affection, or my Love for
you suffer any anxiety on yr. account,
either from yr. ignorance of yr. place
of yr. retreat, or of yr. situation or state
of yr. health, or of yr. ^{you lead} sort of life, or
line of People among whom you live,
most of these circumstances which
have mentioned are included in yr.
promise, by which you voluntarily
bind ^{to me} yourself, but I wish you to
make it more circumstantial, ^{part}
O my dearest, dearest, dearest Sister
if I have erred in requesting this

this of you, consider ye. motives of
this my ~~behaviour~~ ^{conduct,} ~~that~~ proceed totally
from ye. sensations I feel, y^t. my
comfort, repose & ^{entire} happiness thro
life totally depends upon ye. continua-
tion of yr. friendship. My Friend
I know ye. goodness of yr. heart, that
now you are certain of my unalterable
affection for you, & that you have no more
doubt to upon y^t. subject, you will
contribute as much as is in y^r. power
to my future happiness, as Heaven
is my witness. I will endeavour
my best to contribute to y^rs.
This Letter will perhaps appear

a little too serious to my dearest Sister,
~~considering~~ ^{as} I am now in so comfortable
a situation with regard to her, but O
my dearest Sister O for Heaven's sake
consider where & where I shall find
such an other Friend as yourself, I
want no other, I wish to preserve
you ^{who} you are so really my friend. Take
yr. Mafceger this time with me to
W. when you come on I shall bring
an answer with you, ^{I hope I need not ask that it may be} as you love me,
^{placate you as to do.} ^{favorable one}
or if you like it better bring ^{over} ^{at} ^{me}
one. I hope this little chat will be well enough
to let you come, it will be an age to me until
you do. Let this Letter lay in yr bosom, & be as it were
a companion to you in my absence, but let not one shadow
overshadow yr gentle spirits, you have promised me to look

for ye future upon ye. better side of things, & to be
more cheerful, think coolly, calmly, & deliberately
over this Letter, & remember what I must suffer
am I refused. I need not tell you what were
my heart felt satisfactions upon hearing Mr
Lord Howe, ^{of great Office} express his good opinion & his thorough
satisfaction at my dearest William's conduct, he
almost brought tears in my eyes. My affection
for Frederick & him you are well acquainted
with, & so need not mention them. I have
not as yet mentioned my B. or N. to
you but I shall take an opportunity as
soon as possible so to do. I intended to have
done it in this Letter, but I own I was swayed
by too interesting a subject at ye. Moment
I began, it is what is always at ye. heart
in my Soul. Adieu, Adieu, Adieu
dearest, dearest, dearest Sister Friend,

I again add, I hope we shall soon meet,
my joy then will be inconceivable, & I hope
I need not entreat you to believe it.

I am my dearest, dearest, dearest Sister
& Friend,

Yr. ever sincerely affectionate
Brother & Friend

Adieu toujours de
même.

P.S. Pray inform me of your State
of your health today after your fatigues
of Yesterday. j'ai porté vos couleurs
hier, dont j'étais tout à fait mécontent, tant
j'étais enclanté, car j'avais une habitude aussi
bien que vous et exactement de la même couleur.
Ad. Ad. Ad. toujours chère.