

14<sup>th</sup> Oct. 1779

Thursday Morning

My ever dearest, dearest, dearest Sister, Friend, my Mirinda

Think only what I must feel, were ever ye.  
 slightest imputation thrown upon yr. Character.  
 yr. Honor is dearer to me than my own, there is  
 nothing upon earth but I w<sup>d</sup>. as soon as ye  
 than see ye concern'd upon yr. account. I am  
 now talking in ye. language of a Brother to a  
 Sister, as you know my Mirinda yr. you are  
 dearer to me than life itself, therefore judge of  
 my feelings by yr. own. Ye. wishes constitute them-  
 -selves in my ideas into Commands according to

again spoke to my self — or only to attend you on  
I go with you when he brings you. —

Your amiable, tender, & commiserating  
heart will be happy to hear y<sup>t</sup>. our chase was so  
agreeable to us, especially as y<sup>e</sup>. life of y<sup>e</sup>. poor  
Animal was again saved. The accident to me  
tho' I rode as hard as any body could well do, y<sup>e</sup>  
only fell y<sup>t</sup>. I saw wast <sup>at</sup> <sup>the</sup> <sup>end</sup> of the  
Horse being overreached, pitched over & rolled over  
& over him, but by a great mercy he received no hurt  
of hurt, not even y<sup>e</sup>. smart trifling bruise.

I have observed my promise, my Misson  
of being as little as possible with y<sup>e</sup>. Servants, &  
of keeping low company off from me when hunting  
so much so y<sup>t</sup>. my <sup>dear</sup> Father commended me <sup>strongly</sup>  
for it, especially for y<sup>e</sup>. propriety of my conduct

in y<sup>e</sup> instance, which he seldom does upon occasion, how  
he pleased himself much, w<sup>ch</sup> he I. w<sup>ch</sup> help testifying it  
to me.

I understand my dearest Miranda, w<sup>ch</sup> I  
go to W. is again on M. y<sup>e</sup> to dinner in order  
to hunt on T. y<sup>e</sup> & so come back as I did this time  
on ye W. y<sup>e</sup>, & then on ye. Sa. y<sup>e</sup> following I go  
again to stay, till ye W. y<sup>e</sup> fortnight by wh.  
means I shall again have ye. happiness of seeing  
you, & of conversing with you. As to every way  
publick attention, such as walking constantly  
by y<sup>e</sup> side upon ye. Tennis, & conversing with  
you, I will avoid them, but as to every little  
attention, <sup>when we get home for evening,</sup> such as sitting by you & conversing with  
you & treating you with gaiety, & spirits, w<sup>ch</sup> contain  
degree of polite familiarity, my friendship, <sup>& my affection for you</sup> & my  
gratitude to you, will never be able to restrain themselves  
from these liberties w<sup>ch</sup> constitute a part of true friendship.

Believe me my true friend when I assure you  
I will to ye. best of my endeavours try to cure myself  
of yr. wicked, vile, low practice of swearing, I am  
but too conscious yr. you have'd been frequently guilty  
of it ye. last time we met, but it was incovertly  
because it is grown quite habitual to me, <sup>so often</sup> I am  
at least warned, I can not help expressing  
myself in a manner unbecoming one, however  
I repeat it again I will do my utmost to cure  
myself of it. Pray my Miranda ye. next time  
we meet wh: will now be soon let me see your  
charming spirits themselves, & let me feel them,  
however let yr. friendship bias you so much as  
to let me always perceive yr. you treat me with  
yr. sympathetick tenderness & affection, which  
you dearest Sister shall ever find in ye. becot off.

P.S.

Yr. ever affectionate Brother

My Mother does not chuse to  
have a parcel now for the year or there  
about of yr. in a year, therefore I have  
I have given you as much trouble about these  
things as I could take ye liberty of sending you some of some other sort of stuffs as I have  
you