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Recd - Sunday Morn.)
14th Novth 1779 A past 8 o'clock

My dearest, dearest, dearest Miranda, my Sister, my Friend,

I am always sorry when I begin to converse with my Miranda upon trifles, however I think she will pardon me, & not look upon you as trifles when she knows at I am interested in you. From then my Miranda I have learnt from yo. very best authority, but it is at present a grand secret, w^t my Brother & I go to my future House, viz. Carlton House this Winter as my Father was to our Apartments for some - body else. We are to continue still with our Governor till the end of this winter as I believe, & in ye. Spring or towards midsummer we are both affis to dash into

ye. wide World, however be persuaded my Miranda,
yt. wherever I am my heart will never be absent from
you, you are so imprinted in it, yt. all my feelings must
be obliterated before I become indifferent ~~forget~~^{I become indifferent} about you. Hope ^{the}
we shall meet as often this Winter, as we did last, & am
continuallly meet on ye. Evening of Newyear's day
as it is a Gala Day & as we also met last year, therefore
I sh. think we shd. meet this, but we must leave
every thing to Providence, we must submitt chearfully
to yea or nay decesses of ye. Almighty, we are concious
both of us, of a true, disinterested, virtuous, affection
for each other, our hearts are irrevocably united,
Oh my God I beseech thee on my knees, shower
down thy almighty blessings upon my dearest sister,
strengthen her with thy grace, to undergo with
fortitude & resignation ye. vicissitudes of this life

& at last receive her in thy everlasting Kingdom,
testify we beseech thee almighty Father unto us
ye continuance of thy grace upon us & may our
friendship affection, & tenderness be everlasting
these things ever mindful Father we intreat beseech most
earnestly of thee in ye name of thy only Son, our
blessed Redeemer. Such My Miranda are my
constant Prayers unto my God, you who constitute
ye greatest part of my life, are ye principal
subject of ym. I hope our heavenly Father
will incline his ear unto us & grant us our
requests, however my dearest Friend I will
no longer dwell upon this subject as I fear
it will be either too much for yr. tender
spirit. therefore will only add w. we must
trust every thing unto God, & never venture
to look into futurity ourselves, for yh. is only

fore-telling either ye. pleasure or peissle less in store
for us which must ever be unknown to us until they befall us.

To my Miranda you are again left alone
& I am again to be deprived of ye. pleasure of yr.
Company. however thank heaven y. cest bot
last long, there will come a time when I shall
be able to enjoyd liberty, & in a manner I
will continue to keep yr. spirit up & free
idle, giddy, naughty Busk, & be no longer
despised, notwithstanding I admire yr.
Julia so much, & every message you have heared
alluding to melancholy. Adieu, Adieu, Adieu
ma tres chre cœur, mon Amie, ma Mirande,
soyer perouade que rien au monde ne vous
effera du cœur de

A. S. If the his affectionne Fair Balemor
Pur let me have a little truce to this art, on they day ^{you were demaine}
on A. & B. dies, you shall have here a little hole, wch youe quicke shippings I enjoye
returning to you. The, pardon my scruples my maner is pale, and an great turnd downe ^{as add. P.} ~~downe~~ ^{as add. P.} ~~downe~~