

of ye. Holidays, there. If least reason
I have for liking this idea is ^{as you may suppose} I am
afraid of seeing my Miranda there. Oh!
Heavens how inexpressible w^d. my joy
be to meet my Miranda in a manner I
wish, after ye. noise & racket of ye. busy
town. But what signifies tantalizing
myself, however we will hope y^t. such
a time may come, let us always hope for
ye. best. I hope you continue to receive
good accounts of M. M. she will I
think be a great comfort to you in ye.
Winter, especially as she lives so near to
you, after you have been at some publick
place or other, you may retire to her Apartment
in order to have a $\frac{1}{2}$ of an hour's conversation

with her, or she may come to yr. apartment.

Ye. question my Miranda I mentioned
to you in my last, & w^{ch}. I left you ~~at~~
at liberty, about answering, in this, remem^{ber}
upon what grounds I mention it, to con-
vincing yr. promise fairly and honestly
to answer me in y^e question you ~~con~~properly
answer me concerning yrself. "Whether
"or no, you ever had, or have, or think you
"shall have any ideas of entering into a
"close connection or relationship with yr.
"other Brother, or whether he ever ^{entertains} has, or does,
"or whether you think he ever will enter-
tain such an idea." Pardon oh pardon
my Miranda, ye. imprudence of such
a question, consider how much I look
upon myself as interested in it. Consi-

it is putting my mind at rest, & to a
certain ^{degree following ye grounds & original plans of our friendship} putting both, not only yourself
but myself to ye test, for I assure you
it costs me more to ask, than it does you
to answer, but perhaps you will in your
truly affectionate manner say, but why
does it cost my friend so much to ask
me a question of it. he says interesting
is he afraid of me, am not I sincere
true, & best friend, do not I deserve
his whole confidence, you have it
my Miranda, by Heaven you have it,
& it was principally ^{from} ~~from~~ this ground
of my infatuation proceeded, if there
is any wit, if there is, pray pardon it.

It is just supertime so c. d. c. d. c. d.
my 2^d. 2^d. 2^d. Sister Friend, Miranda, my
Heaven bless you, & preserve you, & believe when
I say I am
eternally &c. sincerely affectionate Friend &c.
Wm. Pitt