

Dear Mr. Pope

Wed^d Friday 19th 1779
afternoon 3/4
that is about Nov^r 64

Oh be not angry thou dearest
whimsical creature y^t. ever existed if you
was not so, tho' you said it, you could not
help being pleased with one not without
ing I did to be sure give a little twist
to yr meaning. I repeat I do not dissent
from what I already said, y^t. you are
equally amiable, agreeable, & dear in
whatever humor ^{you are} but you are ^{certainly} a little
whimsical, odd, unaccountable, comical,
romantick creature. Now I have spit
my fire. As to yr. denning me to
advise you concerning yr. conduct
towards, y^t. impudent little liar,
who is so proper to give it you as
yourself. I will now give you a little

information with regard to his conduct
towards, & then I will give you my
advice; he has been very shy of speaking
to me, & rather appeared afraid of me,
perceiving with what reserve I treat
him, he is conscious I suppose of his
ill behaviour towards me, by making
such free mention of my name, now
my dearest Miranda, ye first time
he offers to conduct you over ye way,
or his hand to yr. bedair, I wd. have
you treat them with yr. cold reserve
increasing it, to such a degree, till
you think it time to drop his
acquaintance entirely, such is
my advice my Friend, & give it you
because I think it ye best, however w

you had much better follow ye impulse
of yr. own mind, nothing can be a
better guide to you than ye rectitude
of yr. intentions. I wish to know
how you escape at this time of ye.
Year, catching cold, my Brother
had a bad cold, & cough, as for
me I am now beginning I believe
to have one too, for I have a great
soreness on my breast, & cough,
however I hope with proper care
it will be nothing. I wish you
to instruct my messenger, as far
as you know, what Day & or what
hour w^d. be most convenient for
him to call upon you ^{when we can conveniently} I wish you
w^d. give yr. me in writing. After

yr. first week of yr. arrival, I shall
expect to see, hear & find you, just
such a Ned cap. as you used to be,
when you get among yr. friends,
what a good thing thou wilt be,
however I need not caution you to
think of me whenever you go, my
heart will always attend you. I
am doubting very much whether
or no I shall send you yr. Book I
intended to send you. Certainly
I shall not send it you till you have
been among yr. friends, together
with a little disputation for more
than a month, for I understand
it is a Book filled with yr. friends.

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tenderest & most delicate feelings.
A such a Book in short, if wth a
good deal 'lowers my Miranda's spirits
therefore I am determin'd not to
send such a Book until I am convinc'd
her spirits are better than they are at
present. Ad. Ad. Ad. My Friend,
My Sister, my Miranda, may you
ever be as fortunate & happy as
yr. virtues deserve, I am

Yr. ever sincerely affectionate
Brother

Palmer

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to your dearest

I am in hopes of seeing you to morrow, ^{seeing}
may keep myself discourag'd for I shall be
unhappy if you are not at. at. at. to your dearest

