

Wed. Monday ^{Evening}
5 o'clock - 22 Nov 1779

My dearest, dearest, dearest Miranda,
my Sister, my Friend, 66

What a dear whimsical creature
thou art; however I have a crow to pull
with you, who in ye names of Catope
& Melpomene ever desired you to appear
to me, in a disposition in wh. you really
was not, pardon me my dearest Sister
is y^r. quite consistent with true
friendship, did not I tell you you
was equally dear & amiable in my
eye in whatever mood you was,
you will again say I have been
giving some odd twist to y^r. meaning
How have I put my fore: How do you
twist my meaning so, as to suppose

I recommended to you to follow all ye. mis-
& follies of ye. age, what I meant
by dissipation, was going into
ye. world among ye. friends & acquaint-
ances, then as ye. power holds
here, & by that means to dissipate ye.
melancholy & to resume ye. usual
air de badinage.

As you desire so much to
have ye. Book I will send it to you
I have two sets of it, therefore you need
not hurry yourself to return it, however
I shall not go on with it till you
have returned it, after having had
a very beautiful possession. You will
observe I have not advanced above
ye. 1. hundred Pages in it, &
have marked here & there a few

wh. hit my fancy, when I spoke so
highly of ye. Book, it was merely
a character I heard of it from ye.
person who originally lent it
to me, however ye, but you shall
have it my own, therefore mark
it wherever there is a pretty
page, & give me fairly y^r. opinion
of it, it is called ye. Memoir of
Miss Sidney Biddulph, & is generally
believed to be written by ye. Dr. Mr.
or Mr. Sheridan, I can not tell
wh. for I know they both have
written. Good night my Miranda
sweetest dreams, & happy slumbers
be yr. Let my love is something
refer to my heart thep God, I will
let you know it is tomorrow after
my ride

Monday Morning.

I have been out riding this morning & find
myself ye better for it. My cold hole
is going off for it has lodged itself
in my head, & makes me sneeze, & my
eyes & nose run, to a most amazing
degree, always suppose my friends
y^r. Sweet et. look upon it as
perfect ^{wisdom} for life & care to be perfectly
mimetic about myself. I am of
opinion y^r. what you intend to do
with regard to y^r. little Burris
perfectly right, & y^r. eye. soon
~~you~~ put y^r. plan in execution ye.
better. I admire ye. idea of ye.
Bobbage think it wd. become
him amazingly. God bless you &
preserve you, & may we long long
long enjoy our mutual friendship
may y^r. y^r. Salem to y^r. as common
D. J. [unclear] [unclear] [unclear] [unclear] [unclear] [unclear]