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Wed: Morning 3/4 past
By allack

My dearest Miranda

I thank you for yr kind & affectionate letter of today. My dearest Friend does not seem to apprehend yr. passion I have formed is for an Antrope so yr. I scarcely dare flatter myself yr. she feels ye same love for me yr. So for her, I am convinced yr. she understood ye. language of my eyes ~~and of my actions~~ ^{& of my actions} from her ~~glances~~ ^{glances} & yr. tender & bewitching glances she gave me. Her eyes said more than words can express. Pleasure was you but to see her, even if ye. most envious of her sex was

to see her they must confess yet
she is almost ye most perfect
beauty yt. ever was seen. How
no more of these enthusiastic
expressions or else you will be
me to be mad. I know her to be
very galeat, & yet I can not
help admiring her, however in a
Day or two I will inform you
what opinion she has conceived
of my person & how she is content
with it, for I have an excellent
person to employ who is well
acquainted with her, who will
inform me of these particulars &
you may depend on my informing

you immediately by my ~~the~~
I am glad by yr. Letter to perceive
yt. was ~~in~~ is a great deal
better, & reports yt. have been
spread about my shoes as false
for I never wear a shoe yt. is
not perfectly easy; & yt. is not
in ye. usual shape of my foot.
As to M. H. & my appearing
in print with her I took upon
yt. as nothing, as I hear upon
my honor we gave ye. shullen
fradation foot. I am now going
to advance my ^{a matter} Mirard of wh. you
will I am afraid all deteste-
-ble. which is yt. I shd. be very
sorry to form a connection with the

Wife, or a Daughter, or a Sister
in a family, where y^r. family
lives in perfect unity together
but if y^e. first advances are made
to me I look upon it as highly
unbecoming any young Man
to refuse y^m. In y^e case of Mrs.
M. a who lives totally separate
from her husband, I look upon
a connection in such her condition
with her, & myself unknown,
as impossible to lead to any mischief
as there is no family peace disturbed
by it. Be not too much offended
at this declaration consider I am
blinded by my passions & know not
what I say or do or to what length
it may not carry me. Did you

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but know ye. ead history of ye unhappy
spirit of it you wd. weep with
tenderness over her fate, I will
relate it to you ye first time
we meet. God Bless you &
preserve you ever unto death

Yr. Friend

Philemon Taylor's dechine

P.S. I will send you Shurdans
a list of my hours. &c. &c.

