

10 It is a very great comfort & satisfaction to me to indulge
the idea that my friend will one day rise superior to the
to the crowd around him - that he will be eminent for
his virtues - great by his actions - that he will despise
the follies of the world - guard against the vices of it &
yet enjoy every rational refin'd satisfaction it ^{may} offer -
that he will learn to reflect his example will influence.
- that he will (if he chooses) be a bright ornament to the
age he lives in, & an example to be quoted hereafter.

such my friend ^{the} thoughts I indulge respecting you - the
~~what~~ ^{what} you wrote this morn'g has given me this train of ideas
My friendship for you is so great, that I declare I w^d with
joy make my life the sacrifice if they by that means be
realiz'd - I am extremely glad to find you can make such
^{proper} reflections upon the various characters you meet with.

at the same time I think you was even to me rather too
ⁱⁿ severe upon your strictures concerning M. F. she spoke not the
language of her heart 'twas only of w^d language of w^d world - one can
not help feeling a degree of compassion to see a mind capable
of receiving the finest impressions so depraved by bad example
- I could not help smiling when I read the conversation that

pass'd between you - 'twas much more innocent than many
things that reach'd my ears & which I ~~can~~ quite shak'd me
I do not know whether they might strike you in the manner they
did me. - I think I have no reason to complain, for I should ^{not} have
imagined she w'd let me off so easily as I must have expected
her, for I have ~~not~~ ^{not} once this summer return'd her visits
I have purposely avoided her society - though the brilliancy of her
wit is very entertaining ⁱⁿ & she can ^{when she pleases} assume ^{once} a sober style of conver-
sation - but I really dread ~~ed~~ even the appearance of an
intimacy ~~of the~~ for fear it should in her moments of condescension
appear next winter in public ^{at} ~~some~~ ^{down} ~~from her~~ ~~private~~ ~~correspondence~~
I should wish to shun.

Sunday Afternoon

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