

I am no longer doubtful my friend - neither  
 shall <sup>you</sup> any more be tormented with my apprehensions.  
 I am verily hurt at y<sup>e</sup> disagreeable situation you are  
 at present in - as if I put myself in your place -  
 & yet how my friend <sup>3</sup> will be surprised when I tell  
 him I am extremely well satisfied that this  
 event has happen'd - in this I give a proof of my  
 true <sup>friendship</sup> ~~affection~~ - it will teach him more than a dozen  
 pages fill'd w<sup>th</sup> flattering encomiums for I am  
 sorry to tell my friend it too condemns him - I  
 think I can trace in his account of +++ a  
 remain of passion from y<sup>e</sup> mortification of his  
 pride having been hurt in y<sup>e</sup> unguarded, public  
accusation - I say unguarded accusation because  
 it was both ungrateful & ungenerous, for I  
 am grieved to tell my friend I have  
 often sigh'd to be an ear-witness of y<sup>e</sup> unthinking  
 expressions he has frequently made use of  
 before y<sup>e</sup> younger part of y<sup>e</sup> family - & y<sup>e</sup> I  
 have seen him prompt them to act improperly  
 I however

attributed this conduct to an uncommon share  
of animal spirits, & an inherent turn to  
rascals - I still attribute it to y<sup>e</sup> same cause -  
but I shall not excuse my friend if it exists  
any longer - there are at your age a sufficient  
number of pursuits to exercise y<sup>e</sup> one, & the  
other must, positively must, be ~~suppressed~~ suppressed.

Your own good sense must point out - & I  
know ~~how~~ does frequently, y<sup>t</sup> some persons  
of an exalted rank lower themselves by a  
certain unbecoming familiarity, & by indulging  
this turn, they are led into & w<sup>h</sup> all persons  
are not charitable enough to attribute to  
good humour &c &c &c.

I do not mean by all this to excuse ~~it~~  
he has behaved as a mean spirited vulgar  
Boy w<sup>o</sup> have done - I do not think I sh<sup>d</sup>  
speak too harshly if I added that I think  
at times he appears such - I wish for his  
sake as well as others y<sup>t</sup> he sh<sup>d</sup> be transplanted  
to either Eaton or Westminster.

You ~~cannot~~ desire me to advise you how to  
act - & you appear in a very amiable light  
in feeling y<sup>e</sup>. displeasure of your Mother -  
I would have you immediately come to an  
éclaircissement - do not dwell too much upon  
your vindication - it is not respectful to a  
parent to do so - & believe me she will  
in her own heart do you ample justice - but  
desire her to depend - (& if I know my friend  
if he <sup>will</sup> say it, he will mean it) upon your  
future discretion - I would not for more  
than I can express have you continue under  
her displeasure - if you have any <sup>friendship</sup> ~~affection~~  
for me prove it, let no false pride prevent  
you<sup>10</sup> ~~doing~~ <sup>do</sup> as I <sup>3</sup> desire - I shall be very  
unhappy till I am certain you are friends

Advice depend upon the eternal  
duration of my friendship -

sent Nov<sup>br</sup> 6<sup>th</sup> Oct 1797

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