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Sir

A severe, & dangerous illness has for a long time confined me in the country, & rendered me intirely useless to my family; returning Health, has enabled me to return to London, & the gratitude I feel for your goodness, in complying with the request, I made to you some months ago, renders it impossible for me to delay a moment in making my most gratefull acknowledgements, & assuring you Sir, that the impression of your benevolence, will ever be deeply imprest on my mind, as sorry I am to say, you are the only Being, who has, felt for my distresses, you are doubtless acquainted with the answer I received from Lord Liverpool a total Annihilation of Hope; but to you Sir, I am equally Obliged, & had I received, thousands, more sensibly I could not feel my Obligations - but thus drove to despair, & weighed down with affliction, by the pressure of the times, I know not how to extricate myself, as necessity will now oblige me to give up my House, the only ~~fortress~~ I have, for my unfortunate Girls but thus overwhelmed with misery, & deprived of redress, one only resource remains for me, which is to lay my case before the Public, tho' the Narrative of my Sufferings, was ungenerously taken from me, yet I have Documents left sufficient to prove the truth of my assertions, & I doubt not from a generous Public, to receive pity & Liberality; I was told before, if I published the Narrative, it would be made

a Libel & I should be sent to Prison, I might perhaps  
have been so, & had of O. & deluded by promises. I acted  
against the advice of my friends, but at this moment  
I feel I have fortitude to bear confinement, sufficiently  
gratified if by suffering, I can benefit my family -  
for the difficulties I have now to struggle with, require  
more than common exertions - permit me to add Sir  
that your name will ever be sacred with me, & spoke  
of as I feel with respect & the warmest gratitude -  
which will ever be in the Heart of Her, who has the  
Honor, to be with respect,

Sir

Your most Obedient  
Humble Servant  
Elizabeth Clark

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