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28. Jan. 1796.

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It was not till late last Night that I saw lady Dashwood & Miss Gorth else I should have wrote sooner to You my dearest Son. ~~the~~ Lady Harwood had left Her in the Country which the Uncle was unacquainted with, & it is owing to this mistake that we could not take any Steps before. I find Miss Gorth pleasing in Her Manner; sensible in Her Conversation, extremely diffident & Fearfull in not answering the good opinion of Her Friends, But every desirous to do every thing in Her power to give Satisfaction & to deserve Y^r Approbation. I told Her that Her Situation would confine Her much, & as She never had been much in the World, nor ever been so Situated as to make any Connexions, it was a Place ^{which} that must suit Her. That at Y^r return to Town, She would receive Y^r orders, & that I insisted upon Her keeping strictly to every rule laid down in the Nursery, which of Course ^{by} Dashwood would by Y^r Order give Her in writing, & that You would sign them, & that that Paper must at all Times be remembered by Her & serve as a determinate answer to any Arguments that might be made to persuade Her of deviating from them. That Her Conduct

to the Servants ought to be civil & kind, but not Familiar by any means, & particularly to remember that Nothing ever ought to be repeated out of the House, That She must be sensible, if any body could ever be indiscreet enough to ask Her questions about what passed in the interior of the Family, it could be for no good but must be idle Curiosity. When we came to the question about Her seeing Her Friends & going some Times to see them I told Her that You was much too good, as not to consider Her request, but upon the whole I would Advise Her, not to invite them to the House. I did therefore send this Morning for Colonel Gorth & told Him not only what had passed, but desired Him to ~~talk~~ ^{talk} with ~~her~~ ^{her} ~~what~~ ^{what} had passed, & particularly to state to Her, that though She was under very great obligations both to Lady Harrington & Horwood, that She should not think of inviting them, or to go there constantly. She is to remain in Town, & if possible Col^l Gorth promises to make Her go to Her Aunt's House & now I think things are in a fair way sufficiently Advanced for You to settle every thing at Y^r return on Saturday

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I shall be extremely happy if she meets with Y^r Approbation.
 Mr Washwood promised to write last Night as I had not Time
 to do it myself & she ^{of course will} ~~may perhaps~~ have stated ~~that~~ what passed
 when she saw Miss Girth & her opinion of Her.

I had the Pleasure of seeing the Princeps & the little Beauty
 twice & found every Body well. we lament very much that You
 had such very Bad Weather for Y^r excursion, but I still hope that
 the Country Air will have done You good, & long to see You that
 I may have the Pleasure of asuring by word of Mouth how
 unalterably I am

My dearest Son

The 28th January.

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Y^r very affectionate
 Mother & sincere Friend
 Charlotte

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The Queen

To

The Prince of Wales

29th Jan'y 1796

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