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My dearest Son. Your Letter from Ups Co^{ry} I received Yesterday at the Moment we were setting out for Windsor & I sent the Servant back to London as I was sure my answer to Day would be soon enough. I am coming with G^d feeling Heart that the loss of so excellent a Woman as dear G^d Dashwood would greatly move You, but when we add to that How irreparable she is to You in the Situation she Occupied about dear little Cha, the Melancholy Event too long expected must have wounded You deeply. I wish it was in my Power to come forward upon this Occasion with recommending any body fit as a Successor to Her we have lost. but I will fairly own as yet no one has occurred to me, Talents we might Perhaps meet without difficulty, but they

rectitude, Mildness, Steadiness of Character,
 & Firmness connected with every Possible Res-
 pect to those it was one to, will be a Good Task
 to meet within another. I shall between this
 & Wednesday look over not only the Good book
 but enquire wherever I can to find somebody
who is independent, Unconnected with Party,
& whose Principles are such as to be depended
upon. As those are the Chief ~~Points~~ Points
 to be attended to. God Knows my Heart bleeds
 for You upon this Occasion & were I to indul-
 ge my Feelings I should but make You more
 melancholy than You were even when I last
 saw You. but You may rest assured that I
 will always do my best when You Call upon
 me. At my arrival at Windsor I ~~found~~

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a letter from lady ~~the~~ Hoodwin recommending
 Her Sister lady Margaret Fordyce as being
 very desirous to ~~obtain~~ succeed ⁱⁿ Lady Dashwood
 this I merely mention as I know she has
 wrote to you also. You know Her & Her con-
 nections better than I do & therefore I shall
 make no remarks, upon Her, for the only time
 I was in Company with Her was the last
 Assembly at Weymouth, & the Breakfast ab-
 board the St Lorenzo. & that can not be called
 acquaintance.

Poor Dear Elyza is most touchingly sensible
 of yr kind & affectionate remembrance
 upon this Occasion. She bears it with all
 possible Fortitude, but the distresses of the whole
 Family who could but ^{merely} subsist upon the deceased
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to a certain Degree left Pennylps is so the lon
sholy a reflexion that Neither Ie nor any bo
die can well think of this Situation without
Tears, & Sincere regretast to be able to afford that op
sistence which a Feeling Heart would not only be de
sireous but ready to offer. I myself do feel it
most strongly & own Sincerely that ever since
Thursday my Spirits will not get up as they use
which I do not doubt You will perceive, & I will
therefore put an end to my Letter with expressing
You that ^{whenever} in good or bad Spirits I am always
happy to Subscribe myself

Sunday
the 9th of Oct.

1796.

Your very affectionate Mother
& Inalterable Friend

Charlotte
9. Oct
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Mrs. Pinner
to
Mr. Pinner