

Ed. H. See more to Capt. Payne Jan 14 1795

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My dearest Jack.

I am been so extremely busy of late that I have been prevented  
answering your obliging letter and expressing how very  
sorry I feel that the P. is so thoroughly under the influence  
of M. J. who will certainly not fail to complete his ruin.  
I understand that she is working hard to separate  
you from him if she succeeds it will be difficult  
for him to apply to any person to relieve him from  
his difficulties, which nothing could bring quite  
home to his feelings with advantage to him but  
being reminded of his own description of that  
very strange character - We are still here waiting  
for the arrival of Black Dick whom we are told

is to be done with us on Saturday and that we shall  
soon after sail - I cannot help wishing but that  
you were with us notwithstanding the season &  
that your thoughts had never been diverted from the  
Project towards the Subject which I am afraid is now  
more likely to afford you vexation than pleasure.  
Elphinstone goes to town tonight for a day and  
will give you all the Short Post's worth news  
consisting of a variety of contradictory reports  
about the French fleet - Pray let me hear from  
you soon though I am aware that this very short  
letter hardly entitles me to one of your letters, at  
least such long ones as you sent me from Shrewsbury.

I am My Dearest Lady ever  
The most sincere of friends towards you

Jan: 19<sup>th</sup> 1795.

W. G.