

[9 July 1751]

Sir

I have been a little out of humour these two or three days past as fresh letters all come over which have made a certain Person uneasy, tho' upon reflexion he did Justice to a Lady, & forbade any mention to be made to her, till some Questions had been asked to a very awkward Man which was done yesterday. In the Lady's present Situation I avoid saying any thing to her which may be disagreeable, for notwithstanding the great Calmness & superiority of understanding, yet I perceive

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she is not quite so well as People Imagine, &  
has had constantly a Complaint in her head,  
which would have made any Person except her  
self melancholy. I have done all in my power  
to prevent that there should be any Conversation  
upon the subject under Enquiry. But I much fear  
from the strictness of it, that sooner, or later there  
will be some eclaircissement, Yesterday when I  
met your Coach in St James Square, I had been  
with a Person who promised He would represent  
every thing very much to the advantage of Honour,  
& I told him that He must confess that the keeping  
up of . . . . good disposition was a service to  
both sides,

& that if he knew our situation here, he must be  
 of that opinion, which he entirely seemed to agree in,  
 & promised to act in consequence, & I think has done,  
 but elsewhere there is a lothness, & revenge against  
 a man who is now so low that he is not an object &  
 this brings continual fresh representations, & I believe  
 soon this original letter, (no doubt very polite & honest)  
 will be seen here, & there they have only sent abstracts.  
 When I have the honour to see you I will tell you  
 more particularly how this last matter has turned  
 & I hope if possible to get it represented once for all,  
 that the lady ought to remain entirely out of the  
 question, & indeed for the sake, I wish it were possible  
 to put an end to any further perquisition against  
 a man whose followers are sufficiently punished already,  
 that this letter and more against him, he was  
 unguarded enough when he thought himself a court-  
 deniable man.

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Yours most obedient  
 humble servant  
 J. L.

