

To Pegg Hales

Nov. 8 1802

It is scarcely possible for me My dear Dora to express how
 Dear I love you - You know of old I am no great speaker neither
 does Shakespeare say "Dorothy has better deeds than words to give it"
 and no time or absence can change the sentiments of friendship and
 affection that I have ever felt for you

I am truly sorry that Indisposition prevents my having the hap-
 piness and comfort of seeing you to day - but I trust when we next
 meet you will be in perfect health - Betty & I have been
 cov'ring over the thoughts and hopes of seeing you - she says "Dear
 I must Prince of Wales was very kind some of them to be sick ones"
 without considering that we did not send an invitation to visit
 us nor call on us "Keep yourself disengaged" as some folks are
 wont to say -

I am very happy to be able to say that the Queen is a great deal better
 she is still very pale which I believe is chiefly owing to her having
 staid at home for such a long time as a punishment, & that you always
 being in and breathing confined her -

My sisters all desire their most affectionate love to you - your
 Child - Amelia - is grown very handsome and stout but I wish
 she would eat a little better food - you give her some advice about
 it when you see her again - it is now her only fault -

I return you many thanks for the beautiful bracelet & bottle

They put into my hand this morning saying they come from some
"body who don't love you & who you don't love neither. so I directly guess
and they came from you—

Now God bless you my dear De Witt G.B.

Your most truly Affectionate

Nov. 8th 1802.

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Miss R. H. M.

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