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My dearest dear Brother As you have desired me  
 every now and then to write you would how we  
 all go on I have taken up my pen (having  
 a moment to myself) to inform you  
 first of joy that I which was very ill  
 yesterday with a return of the ~~conscience~~  
 in her stomach I thought but to try a much  
 better nothing but what we had accustomed  
 I rather myself by to recover will be  
 quite well We are going on (as the  
 word goes) pretty well I own though if I  
 am to give my opinion this Place is  
 more dull & stupider than I can find  
 words to express a perfect stand still of  
 every thing and every body except  
 every day a very long Review that I am  
 told is very fine but being perfectly  
 unknown in these sort of things we  
 have left unannounced them before I left  
 Home, do not go out much by this

style of writing I am quite yet become  
 and I do trouble for not being  
 amused <sup>myself</sup> any out of humour and  
crases with the rest of the World, for  
 you are perfectly mistaken and I beg  
 leave to assure you it is not so but that  
 the few Proper people that are at  
 Weymouth this year & they will be  
 quite of my opinion upon this subject  
 & finding I can give you no account  
 of any thing that is going on  
 because nothing has happened  
 worth relating I will give you a  
 short description of all that is  
 at Gloucester. House &c. and so  
 to begin Lord Cathcart is confined  
 with a very bad fit of the gout  
 his Lady attends him but little

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The day as her Duty calls all her  
 attention to the Queen however by  
 her own account she makes use for  
 it at night by performing (what I believe  
 her affection for him would really  
 lead her to) but at the same time  
 makes use of every little art to engage  
 and induce herself to him and so  
 went in my dear P. to some quite

<sup>lost</sup>  
 for Chey she wishes to be agreeable  
 but both her health & spirits at times  
 quite fail. Her affectionate Duty to  
 me & desires her affectionate Duty to  
 her given me a secret communication  
 to you which may seem strange  
 but she will be much obliged to you  
 if you would answer it fully honestly  
 & whether you are very fond of the  
 Dog which was given you by Lady E.

from her & whether you have recommended  
of it and been accustomed to it according  
to your answer she will explain  
her reasons for enquiring and hope  
you will give her credit for  
morning nothing improper or  
savoury — Miss Southwell really  
is a very good humour'd person  
no Punch she is of great use  
as for General both the <sup>business</sup> ~~business~~  
light of Love travours to miss  
Mr Price the only gay thing at  
Weymouth — As to the Interpretation  
that is too near to make any  
abstraction upon, but this time  
you must be quite worn out  
with all my nonsense therefore  
I will leave off & will only add  
pray believe me your affectionate  
Sister  
Sep<sup>r</sup> the 10 — 1750 — MARY

From Mary  
to Miss Southwell  
the 10<sup>th</sup> of Sept<sup>r</sup> 1750