

Thursday Evening

4th April 1805

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My very dear dear Mrs J —
 As I was sitting for my picture I received from
 you a letter which in that account I need
 not answer, but as soon as dinner is over I
 to my pleasure send you a line with a million
 of thanks for your kindness in letting me know
 how dear swage is price me for I was indeed
 all anxious for the arrival of your note &
 thank God that it has been so well made the
 journey — I say what is most kind from
 me & depend upon it you cannot say the
most in some things I feel — I feel but very
 sorry & a good deal kind with the D. Person —
 I believe to be few persons in some of
 respect, but as I must again sit for my
 face will you come rather before twelve when
 I think I shall be free, & as it will be
 done till one o'clock — The child is now here
 & it may either be returned or stay in
 your to be presented; I am wonderful — I have
 a new story to tell you tomorrow of Polypus
 which will amuse you till I am gone — I
 hope for I must return to the Grounds about
 sunset, as you may see I wish in confidence I might
 by the D. that I should be able to send of some
 new arrivals I am sure I shall attend
 yours
 J. J.

[Faint, illegible cursive handwriting on aged, yellowed paper with horizontal lines.]