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Serene Lady

August 1740

I know that you are well versed
in Geography, therefore if you please
I will ask you two questions, first,
tell me how many Emperours there
are in Europe, secondly, pray tell
me, how many Kings there are

Sir L: 2: Farewell.

There are in our Europe, 3 Emperours,
namely y^e E.^{mp} of Turkey, Russia &
Germany, & 9 Kings y^e K. of Great
Britian, France, Spain, Sardinia
Denmark, Sweedland, Prussia, Portugal
& Poland. Farewell.

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L. 3.

Serene Lady

The fish you caught with your own hand yesterday were very sweet; but the letter you sent ^{me} was more ~~sent~~ sweet & gratefull to my palate

L. 4.

Farewel

Serene Lady

Yesterday ⁱⁿ afternoon you very well translated the Latin letter into English therefore I earnestly ask you to turn these 6 lines to day into your Mother tongue without delay, which if you do I will owe you many things & you

will sooner be at ~~the~~ ~~heart~~ ~~of~~
~~your~~ your liberty Farewel.

L 5

Serene Lady

You have seen a horse race this
morning, pray tell me which
horse was victor, was he black or
white, what marks had he, had
he a star in his front or a long
tail & what sort of a master had
he because I am ignorant & know
nothing of the matter.

Farewel

L 6
Serene Lady

William Duke of Cumberland your
dear brother hath to day finished
the translation of ~~Anglica~~ Sextus
Rufus ^{into. English} if you please you may read
this short & elegant History of the
Roman people from the beginning
even to the end.

L 7

Farewel

Serene Lady

I ask you submissively & earnestly
that you commend William Duke
to my Lord & Lady the King & Q.

because to day he hath been not
only diligent but diligence it=
self. he hath done a great
& usefull task, for he hath turned
a whole history book into it's Mo=
=ther tongue, & if I judge right, he
ought to have gold & silver, for
his pains. L &

Serene Lady

Farewel

I hope you will study with dili=
=gence because to morrow you
will go a hunting with my Lord
the King & Queen, & you know

very well, that you must do a
double task otherwise I will come
at eight of ye clock in the morn-
ing.

Farewel.

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Serene Lady

You live a very happy life, you
see horse races. I am forced to stay
at home, for I have no coach nor
horse, & I cannot walk, because
it rains very fast.

Farewel.

L 10

Serene Lady

I have heard yesterday of M^{rs}
H. that you have acted a Tragedy
of the Death of Cato, who laid vio-
lent Hands upon himself, pray,
tell me, if this is true, because I wa
I want to be a Spectatour of
this Play, that it may be a
new matter for me to praise
Princess Mary.

Farewel.

L 11

Serene Lady

I congratulate you, & all the family, because you have done your Task before ~~the~~ eleven of the Clock, & you may play for two whole Hours, you very well, ^{see} the Fruits of your Diligence.

L. 12

Farewel

Serene Lady.

I would to God, that you repeat your Task well, without mistakes, otherwise you must take a new one, which you won't like, I speak seriously, not in Jest, Farewel.

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L 13

Serene Lady

The Whale is the King of Fishes, ~~the~~
Reigns in the Sea & No-body dares
resist him, the Eagle reigns in the
Air, & is King of Birds, lastly the
Lion is King of all four footed
Beasts, & reigns over the Beasts of
the Earth.

Farewel.

Serene Lady L 14

Tell me what you would ^{have} for dinner;
if you love fish, I will give you
Salmon, Carp, Trout & Eel, if

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you love Birds, you shall have a
a little Hen well dressed & two
Partridges.

Farewel.

L 15

Serene Lady

If your Serene Highness will play
on Saturday; you must study
earnestly, & do a double Task for
that is the expresse Order of my
Lord the King & my Lady the
Queen. I desire you to lay by your
Trifles, I don't joke, but speak
seriously & friendly.

Farewel

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L 16

Serene Lady

I hear that you have been very diligent with M^r L. who commends you greatly & admires your diligence. I hope you will be as diligent in your Latin.

Farewel.

L 17

Serene Lady

Must I tell you a strange Thing: Her Highness Louisa, your Sister hath been very diligent to day.

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for she has numbred in Latin from
One to a Hundred, without the least
Error, I desire you to praise her be-
fore the Queen; & you will do me
a Favour, for nothing will be more
gratefull.

Farewel

L 18

Serene Lady

It is the Will of the most potent
King of Great-Britain, that
Princess Mary, with her sister
Louisa, & William the Duke,

should do a Double Task, I shan't
write you one Letter but two, & in
the afternoon you shall have two
more Letters, or else you must
not hope for a Holy-day tomor-
row, nor ~~no~~ leave to play.

L 19

Farewel

Serene Lady.

Your Highness don't like Latin
Letters, because this morning you
would not read my letters, though
they were easy & short, I desire

that your Highness would be an
example of Modesty & Diligence, or
else I won't write to you any more.

Farewel.

L 20

Serene Lady.

I have read your Latin Letter
twice, thrice, four Times five times
& I shall read it nine Thousand
Times, for it is sweeter than Honey
& Sugar, & gratefull to my palate,
your Style is clear & easy, & not
dark nor perplexing. Farewel.

L 21

Serene Lady,

I know that you are rich, &
have Gold & Silver, & many fine
Things in your possession, & you,
Serene Lady, you know that
I am poor: I desire you to give
me a Thousand Guineas & I will
praise you with my whole Heart.

Farewel.

L 22

Serene Lady,

There is a noble Miss in this
House, which can talk French

German, & Latin I desire you
Princess Mary to tell me how
you call this excellent Lady
& I will thank you heartily.

Farewel.

L 23

Serene Lady,

Idle Persons love holy-days, but
you are not Idle, but Studious &
Diligent, therefore I wou'd not
that you shou'd have a Holy-day
your Brother sometimes is Idle,
& without doubt loves a Holy-Day.

L 24

Serene Lady,

Yesterday you wou'd not study,
you play'd, trifled, & danc'd
willingly, which was very
ungratfull to me, I speak seriou^{sly}.
I can't praise your Highness
because you have done nothing
worthy of Praise. Farewel.

L 25

Serene Lady,

If you think me a good Cook,
I desire that your Supper

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may be moderate, eat two Wings of
a Lark, with a little Bit of Bread
& drink a Cup of cold Water, then
compose yourself in Bed, & sleep
till seven o' Clock in the mornin^g,
if this Supper pleases you, it
pleases me.

Farewel.

L 26,

Serene Lady.

^{His} Serene ^{Highness} William your most
dear Brother hath turned the
Roman History of Sextus Rufus
into English, which he designs

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to dedicate to your Highness, that
it may be a Monument of his
Brotherly Love towards you.

Farewel

L. 27

Severe Lady,

You often talk of reading
Corderius's Dialogues. I praise
your intent: Corderius is, to
besure, the best Book after ~~you~~
3 Weeks, you shall read it
from the Beginning to the
End.

Farewel

L 28

Severe Lady

I hope you did not hunt on Saturday, because it rained hard & I hear your Horses stumbled & threw their Riders. I pray your Highness tell me friendly, whether these things are true, or not.

Farewel.

L 29

Severe Lady

His Highness William, your dear Brother, has given me two Bunches of sweet Grapes for

a Gift. I desire you, to give ~~me~~
two Bunches to your Master,
who writes you Latin Letters twice
in a Day,

Farewel,

L 30

Severe Lady,

I can't write long Letters
because of y^e shortness of Time,
but a Word ^{to} the Wise. I desire you
to turn these short Letters into
the English Tongue, & you will
be at Liberty. Before Twelve of

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Farewel,

L 31

Serene Lady,

How do your things go on? tell me if you love the Latin Tongue? if you please, I will ask you six Questions:

1. Who created the World?
2. Of what Matter did God Create the World?
3. How many Elements are there?
4. How does the Sun shine?
5. How does the Moon shine?

6. How many Planets are there?
Princess Mary, if you can explain
these Lines you will be at your
Liberty, & you won't study any-
more ~~to~~ this Time.

Farewel.

L³²
Serene Lady,
Somebody told me that your
dear Sister Carolina has hurt
her Foot by falling when she
walked out. I pray you tell me
how she does? & take care lest

you slip by running to fast.

Farewel.

L 33,

Serene Lady,

I will tell you plainly & submissively
what I think of your Highness
unless I am deceived, you are
tir'd with reading my Letters,
& if this is true, I shall be tired
with writing, & it is necessary y^t
you should turn your Mind
to explain Cordarius's Dialogues

Farewel.

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L 34

Severe Lady,

You go-out every Day at seven
of the Clock in the Morning, wth
your ^{dear} Sister Louisa & come home
again at eight to proceed in
your Studies, by this means
you will procure Health of Body
& Soundness of Mind.

Farewel

L 35

Severe Lady,

You promised over & over to
praise your Sister Louisa before

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the King & Queen, because she
 continues in doing well. but ^{what} ~~let~~ do
~~her do never so well~~ your Highness
 don't keep your Promises, you
 ought to praise her without Delay,
 or else I won't praise you.

Farewell

L 36

Severe Lady

I cannot write your Highness
 a long Letter to day, because the
 Time is short therefore take care
 of your Health & continue in
 doing well.

Farewell

L³⁷
Severe Lady,

I pray God, that it may not
rain tomorrow, but be a fine
Day, that your Highness may
go out in the Coach with the
Queen & your Sisters, to catch
a great Buck, who is swift of
Feet, but the Dogs are swifter.

Farewell.

L³⁸
Severe Lady

The Sun in Heaven shines by
Day, & the Moon shines by

Night, but you most learrred
Princes are an Ornament of your
sex, & shine by Day & Night, in
all Virtues.

Farewell.

L 39

Serene Lady,
How do you do Princess Mary;
you have three Meals a Day:
Breakfast, Dinner & Supper;
& I pray you may have a sound
Mind in a sound Body!

Farewell

L. 40

Serene Lady,

There is an elegant Lady in
this Palace, which is not eight
Years old, & all the People love
& admire her: she is not good
Goodness, itself, nor diligent, but
Diligence itself. Farewell.

L. 41

Serene Lady,

Your Highness knows all that
is done in this Court. I desire

you to tell me, whether the Amba¹⁷-
sador of the King of Prussia had
an ~~the~~ Access to his Majesty; if you
will let me know, whether it is
true or no; you will do me a Favour
nothing will be more grateful.

Farewell,

L 42

Severe Lady,

If you call to mind the Prayer
which our Lord Jesus taught
his Disciples, you will be at
your Liberty this Morning, the

Task is small for ~~you~~ you
remember it in French & English.
& it is fit that you should learn
this divine Form of Prayer in
Latin Farewell

L 43
Serene Lady,
I am a Witness of your Diligence
in improving in your Studies
because Yesterday in the Morning
you wrote the Lord's Prayer
elegantly in Latin. I pray you,
Serene Lady, to write me a Copy

of it; & you will do me a Favour

Farewell

L 44A

Serene Lady

Princess Mary, I desire you to abstain from Play, & be an Example of Industry & good Disposition; because your younger Sister imitates you, if you play, she plays; if you trifle, she trifles; if you are modest, she is modest.

Farewell

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L 45

Severe Lady,

All the People affirm that the
King & Queen are going to
Richmond, to stay for three
Weeks, if this is true I will walk
with you in the Garden in the
morning, if you like it, because
I love to walk in a Morning.

Farewell.

L 46

Severe Lady,

You ought to do a great Task because your illustrious Name is in the News-Papers, & have those that praise you every-where your Sister Louisa is butt little, & a little Task suffices her.

Farewell.

L 47

Severe Lady,

All Promises must be performed I promised your Highness two Letters. this Morning, & I perform

what I promise, therefore I am careful
of my Word, because I stand to
my Promise keep you yours, &
I will sound your Praises,

Farewell,

L 48
Serene Lady,

I owe you many things, you
have been diligent this morning,
go on, I pray, in well doing, &
I will owe you more. I owe
nothing to idle Boys & Girls,
because by Nature I am laborious,
& I do not love Drones & Dunces.
Farewell.

L 49

Serene Lady,

The Duke, your Brother, has this morning caught a great Fish two foot long, which he gave^{to} his sister Amelia for her Dinner, I saw him alive & playing in a Basket.

Farewell.

L 50

Serene Lady,

Unless you repeat two Pages, you won't have a Holy-day, nor a good Breakfast, nor Dinner nor Supper, nor leave to play, but if you

do well, you shall have Silver &
Gold, & I will always commend
you.

Farewell.

L 51
Severe Lady,
This Rain is gratefull to all,
because the Dust was troublesome
to our Eyes, neither did the King
care to go a Hunting, lest the
Horses should stumble the Ground
being dry, but you Severe Lady
without doubt love fair Weather.
Farewell.

L 52

Serene Lady,

For three Days running, you have played, and ^{been} Hunting, & seen Horse-Races, & in one Word, you did nothing in your Learning: if you go on so, you won't easily learn Latin.

L 53

Farewell.

Serene Lady,

Yesterday in the afternoon, you acted a Comedy in this Chamber, holding a Sheep-Hook in your right Hand, as if you were a Sheperdes, your

Sister Louisa acted the same Part;
the Duke was a Racer; & another
Lady, whom I know not, & she
was clothed in white, as if she was
a Priestess or a Ghost.

Farewell

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The Duke's Letters

L. 1

Severe Highness.

I desire, I may teach you by Letters
 What is it to be wise? to-day I will
 satisfy your Desire, first shake off
 Sleep good-morrow, dress yourself
 neatly, wash your Hands & Face
 with cold Water, & pray to God
 with bended Knees, that he would
 prosper the King & Queen & bless
 all your Studies, this is the Office of
 a good Man, if you perform it

continually, but be wise.

Novemb. 28^e
28. 1727

Farewell,

Serene Highness^{L²}

My Letters have been grateful to you & I am glad of it. I will answer your Question about The Beast's speaking. all Brutes utter the same natural Sound, in every Nation, the Lamb bleats be, be, be the Wolf in France & Germany howls tu, tu, tu, but some Birds imitate,

human Voice, as the Parrot & the
 Crow, which speak French, Greek &
 German, very distinct, if they have
 learned Teachers, Farewell, & study
 the Latin Tongue. & if you love me,
 take care of your Health. Novemb.

y^e 30 1727

L³

Severe Sighings

This beautifull Machine which you
 have before your Eyes. Heaven with
 its Ornaments, Air with its Inhabitants,
 which fly to and fro, Earth clothed
 with Herbs, Trees & all sorts of Animals,

was created by the most wise Artificer,
in the Space of six Days. who still keeps
& governs all or else all Creatures
would return ^{to Nothing} from whence they
were produced. which if you consid-
^{often} in your Mind (dear Prince) you
will cultivate Modesty & Piety &
bid farewell to all Trifles without
Delay, & I pray God Night & Day. that
you may do it. Farewell.

Decemb.
the 1 1727

L 4

Severe Highness

I have wrote to you lately, about the
 Nature of God & the Creation of all
 things, if you please we will exami^{=re}
 the four Elements with their Inhabita^{=nts}
 the Sea nourishes the Fish whose King
 is the Whale the Eagle reigns in the
 Air & he is a most rapacious Bird
 the Earth is the Habitation of Animals
 which Man governs. if you can
 translate these few Lines into English
 or German, you will be more than the

Half of My Soul

Decemb.

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L 5

Farewell Dear Duke

Serene Highness,

The Fire is one of the Elements yet no
Creature can live in it, though it ~~also~~
attains to the Salamander who lives
in it, as some affirm, but I believe
it is a meer Fable. the Fire is kindled
by means of a Steel & Flint & a little
Spark causes a great Blaze which
reduces to Ashes many fine Houses.

Decemb. the 30 1727

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The Fire is a barren Element & has no
 Inhabitants, nevertheless it is the Cause of
 Life, not only in Beasts & Birds but
 also in Worms, moreover neither can the
 Grass grow in the Fields, nor can Trees
 bear Fruit, without Heat; in a Word,
 whatever you see, without Heat, would
 be changed into the hardest Ice, pray
 tell your Maid to make a good Fire
 early, because I am old & Nothing
 will be more agreeable to me Farewell

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Serene Highness,

I have written unto you two Letters
about ~~ye~~ the Nature & Qualities of
the Fire now you very well know
that Smoak is a watry Humour
of Wood or Coals which ascends high
& afterwards dissipates in the Air &
if any Particulate of this Smoak
sticks to the Chimney, it is called
Soot, & if it flames, the whole House
is burnt, therefore we have little
Boys who clean our Chimneys,

twice in a Year, lest any Accident
should happen, & in the Top of the
House, cry very loud & with great
Alacrity of Spirit, Sweep, Sweep.

Decemb. Farewell

the 5 1727 L 8

Serene Highness,

When first I knew you, you seemed
to have a great Quickness of Wit, & that
you was not born for Trifles, as other
Boys are, but for Learning, yesterday

you asked me a very curious Question or
but hard to be explained, for Instance Du
you asked me if every thing ^{could} returne me
to Nothing? I will answer you in as De
few Words as I can: Matter is unchan the
geable & always the same, but every Ser
Day it puts on new & various Forms, If
as Rain a little frozen is Snow, being a Du
more frozen, it is Hail, but being know
very much frozen, it is Ice & ^{yet} it is pro
always Water, so you, if you are as I
naked, or cloathed with a black un

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or red Coat, yet still you are William
Duke of Cumberland & ^{you} will be dear to
me under any State whatever

Farewell.

December
the 6 1727.

L 9

Serene Highness

If nothing hinders me, I will not lose
a Day without writing to you, & you
know, it is my daily Endeavour to im-
prove you in your Studies, as much
as I can, & I shall labour in vain
unless your Highness will perform &

your Duty, be of good Courage, go through
high Mountains, deep Valleys, plain
Fields & dark Woods, & I will be your
Guide, till you come into fine Gardens
where you will pluck with your
Hand the Flowers & Fruits of the
Trees of Knowledge.

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