

For
M^{rs} Clayton

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Knowing you so well dear M^{rs} Clayton, I think I can adress myself no where so well as to you, to do people services your inclination agreeing so well with it. I think I am oblig'd to do my best to justify D^r Douglas, who I should be mightly sorry to have ~~been~~ well thought of, for what he's lately happen'd to me, & I must say y^t he has alway doubt'd about y^e condition I was suppos'd to be in, since I came to Calais, which is very probable, since he never gave me y^e ^{least} encouragement to beleive it. I should be very glad when occasion servs you would be so good as to answer y^e to Persons who will may be be ill natur'd enough to lay hold of any thing y^e may be hurtful to an other. I hope by y^e time you will have been so good as to have forgot whatever you may have dishik'd in Fivers conduct, & y^t you will in time join with me to do her service when she will want it. I certainly have all reasons imaginable to be satisfi'd with her service, & should be very sorry to part with her, if it was not her own choice, so shall do whatever by in my power to make Chenevia able to keep her so as y^e she may think her self happy. I am alway mightly glad when I hear you are well, & hope absence doth not make you forget your friends, among which I certainly pretend a place. If I am so happy as to go into England y^e summer, it will be a very great pleasure to me to see you, & to assure you, & M^{rs} Clayton, by word of mouth of my sincere friendship.

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