

P.S. Pray excuse ye. different sort of the eye inaccuracy  
you will find in this letter. as have written it in great  
haste & hurry. Adieu.

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My dearest, dearest, dearest Sister, Friend,

I hope I need not express to you ye pain I  
felt upon parting with you, I think it was too strongly  
paintred in my eyes, for you to mistake my feelings. A  
certain gloom upon y<sup>e</sup>. account attendd me thro<sup>u</sup>out ye  
day. We had charming sport y<sup>e</sup>. I had been in  
top top spirits, as I am, when I know I shall see you  
in ye. Afternoon, & recount to my friend y<sup>e</sup>. pleasures  
of ye. day) I sh<sup>d</sup>. have found it delightful. The  
circumstances of a Chase are too trivial for me to  
mention them to you, however there was one attending

ye. shape of y —, which I am sure will give you infinite  
pleasure. We first hunted one Stag, which carried us  
to Swindley. I think they then call it S. Bateman's  
Sledge, where we breakfasted, the Stag having escaped  
by leaping over a railing of 9 feet high as well  
as a broad ditch. They then took out a second  
Stag from ye. common herd which they expected  
w<sup>d</sup>. give us an hour's chase or there about, but  
instead of which he ran 3 hours, & then dropped  
his carcass, but his life was saved & is now  
turned into ye. Padock among ye. other Stags  
which are preparing to be dead, by being fed  
Houses were then set, I sh<sup>d</sup>. not have mention'd  
even this circumstance of our short chase.

thought it wd. have given you a finite pleasure  
to know, y<sup>t</sup>. y<sup>e</sup> poor Animal who had given  
us great delight & excellent sport had his life  
saved. The moment he dropped I heard it debated  
whether he was alive or to have his throat cut, y<sup>t</sup>.  
instantly I sacrificed self him, save him, seeing  
upon hearing my voice, everyone recoiled y<sup>e</sup>. soon  
I will confess y<sup>t</sup>. y<sup>e</sup>. tender heart of my  
lovely Miranda, pleaded strongly in his favor  
& obtained his life. I believe I have established  
my Character among y<sup>e</sup>. Gentlemen of y<sup>e</sup>. Court  
as a bold & good Horseman, by leaping over a very  
ugly Hedge & Ditch upon a descent, I have not  
according to y<sup>t</sup>. desire boasted of this to a single

living soul, I hope I shall follow y<sup>r</sup>. advice & only  
in this but in every thing else. Y<sup>e</sup>. continuance of  
y<sup>r</sup>. friendship thro'out yo. whole of my life is  
yo. greatest blessing I ever can hope for. As  
for mine, my dearest friend I hope it is as  
unattainable towards you, as yo. perpetual duty  
of State. Adieu Adieu, Adieu, dearest, dearest,  
dearest Sister Friend, be rest assured, y<sup>t</sup>. my  
affection for you shall never cease but with my  
life. I am

Y<sup>r</sup>. ever sincerely affectionate Brother

P.S.

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tonjours de veure.

I understand we go either on Saturday or Monday to London  
Tuesday. There are several little incidents to which I refer  
during yo. absence wh<sup>ch</sup>. I will tell you yo. first time we meet but not worth of any  
enough to trouble you with now. adieu tonjours de veure.