

16th Oct. 1779

Saturday afternoon
1/2 past 4

Dearest, dearest, dearest Sister, Friend, Miranda

I sincerely thank you for this additional instance of yr. confidence, tho' I wanted no further proof than what you had already given me, ^{of} how different are yr. views from those of yr. friends; but I cannot help esteeming yr. family not only for its own intricicks, but because it has the honor of claiming my dearest Miranda, which is more than any other family can boast of.

Yr. friend M. J. I love & esteem for her virtues, as if she was my own friend, he is my friend, for what friend is there of my Miranda

that being acquainted with my friendship, love, & affection
for her w^d not also be my friend. You tell me nothing
of yr. situation of yr. health, & spirits, or whether
yr. dreadful pain in yr. side has again reminded you
that it once took such hold of you, you do not
consider how anxious I am upon these several
heads, my whole happiness as I have often told you
centres entirely yrs. you know it does, & you believe
it, but at times, out of pure meanness, ^{you find yourself not} ~~you find yourself not~~
to it in order to alarm me.

How c^d. my dearest Sister suppose yr.
what she writes w^d either be tiresome, disagreeable, or
trivial in my eyes; you must have conceived a very
different opinion of me from that which you had, to
suppose my ever being capable of such a thing. I hope
yr. Birds I sent you proved good, they were totally meant

fills with many charms

for you. I went one to St. George. Metham at ye. same time
I sent you yrs. yesterday. Adieu for ye. present if I can
I will write you a Note for Tomorrow Morning. To tell you
my ever dearest Miranda, that I love, honor, & esteem
you, is what I think you are perfectly assured of, therefore
excuse me when I repeat it over to you again, & believe
me ever to be,

Yr. ever affectionate Brother

Salomon tonjours de me.

P.S.

I have not received any Patterns as yet, but will forward y^m.
to you as soon as I receive y^m. for yr. opinion. I have heard
we are besides this long time to W. or to pass ye. C- p- l-
there, I shall have ye happiness of seeing my Miranda more
frequently than I had expected myself. Tell me every thing you
hear concerning W. You have not of late signed yourself,
my Sister as well as Friend, & called me by ye. name of Brother
wh^{ch}. I wish to see you do again. Ad. Ad. Ad. dearest dearest, dearest
Miranda, tonjours de me.

Since I wrote ye. Postscript I have received from Town some Patterns of
some Coats, my Taylor says they are ye. most fashionable wear for Gentlemen &
all sorts of ye. dress. Ad. Ad. Ad. I have bin some.

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