

202 Tuesday Morning 78
10 o'clock 14th Decr 1779

Be not astonished my dear
Miranda, at my silence for ye^r 3 or
4 last days attribute it not to in-
-difference for I assure you y^t. nothing
can be farther from my mind than y^t.
I am sorry my Miranda to tell you
my friend y^t. you must not expect
to hear from me above once or at most
twice in ye. some week y^t. I am
afraid in a very short note, however
be sure y^t. whatever opportunities
I can seize I will. This moment
I am writing is taken out of my
time for rest it is very late I am
afraid of being interrupted every
moment by re. arrival of L. L. &

however I will scrawl, all & is long
as I can. Know then my friend, y^t.
I am more than ever in love, & y^t. ye
dear object of my passion, corresponds
with my flame, & y^t. our love is
mutual, she was attacked w^{ch}. after
is ye. Hence for addressing w^{ch}.
tender cheek she ought to have
addressed to Prince Florind to me, you
may see of what texture they are by
reading y^r. in Lakeshore. I also
have had intelligence from a gentleman
who was at ye. Pleas at le- I h- a
I- c when we were there last week
& who is acquainted with Mr. John
Lade, by whom he was set at ye I-
who has ^{had} intimate connection w^{ch}.

mon aimable & chere seductrice
M^r. he remarked to this person how
tired I appeared of ye. leave with
an auk remark M^r. I sh^d. 2^d I
have been so tired had I been at
D^y Lee I & then said. I have
heard a great deal of ye. P^r
a Packet for M^r. R. & I see
you are M^r. she is as much
pleas'd with him as he is with
her, upon which this person
M^r. related this to me, said to M^r.
I will take M^r. for. if you are
not undetermined by this I don't
your rival, upon wh. he answer'd
with an oath B^y G^d I sh^d. be
very glad of it for both their sakes
as they seem so mutually bent to outdoe.

I sh^d. not have troubled you
with this conversation by Friend, as
I do not think entering pertinaciously
into such matters is a fit or proper
topic for you. However, I did it in
order to fulfill my old promise
& to demonstrate to you ye hand,
I feel at this relation, I regret
- morphosed into ye. gay galant
Sottorio, into as happy a creature
as I was almost desponding with
Love, passion, & ye most ardent
flame, boiling altogether in my
bosom yesterday, so indeed they
do now, but transports me of the
kicks instead of ye. us keeps
pind. God bless you adieu. I am
yo. ever affectionate Friend
Edmond to yours de memo