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Your amiable M- has at this place receiv'd
her kind attention to me, I mention this,
because You know how easily my feelings
take the alarm - I cannot bear the least
slight from any person I am attach'd to,
- I require no attention - I am ^{perfectly} indifferent
to the behaviours of People (let their situation
in life be what it will) - if I either dislike,
or have reason to despise them -
I am afraid your friend has a very proud
heart.

I have chose the rose color. - ^{but I like & don't other} my Ideas
wth respect to Dress either of Man or
Woman ^{is} - that to be perfectly Elegant it
should be simple as possible. - I
w^d have character, dress, ^{writing} manner, all

make for that simplicity I adore -
I mean ~~not~~ elegant refined simplicity
~~which is the~~ ~~necessity~~ - do you
comprehend me?

~~to me~~ every thing that has of least appearance
of art ^{or} design in a character is to me detestable
& I never will continue a friendship ^{we can have a perfect esteem for} ~~with~~
~~any one~~ if I find out they ~~ever~~ deviated
from the truth - I can hardly make
allowance for it ⁱⁿ any shape - or under any
circumstances.

I do one more by that my friend will
guard himself against swearing - You
have now so habituated yourself to
that vile vulgar shocking vice that I
fear it will be some time before you love
it - I take y^r. liberty of again making
mention of this as y^r. last time we

were together You (without I being aware
of it I am certain) was guilty of it
continually - I have many more reproaches
hoarded up for You at proper times &
seasons - ~~As~~ I shall not be so ^{unkind} ~~unkind~~
as to be silent & you ^{must not} ~~would~~ be so
~~unkind~~ as to be ~~offended~~

before I bid you adieu my friend I must just give y^o a
hint that ^{these} is not an expression of yours at y^o Different Breakfast
duty y^o has not been repeated & turned into every different mode
possible - y^o I said this & that "y^o P. xxi" so says Miss, innocently
without being aware I was interested - told me all y^o various reports
remember, remember - that y^o have faithfully promised

me to endeavour to assume a Manly steady
conduct - such a one of may hereafter establish
you a great & amiable character - Adieu
Your friend Your true friend

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