

As I plainly perceive my ~~friend~~ friend y<sup>t</sup> it  
<sup>is</sup> ~~is~~ ~~is~~ ~~is~~ a very great inconvenience to you to  
 continue a correspondence with me & as your  
 obligations will perhaps induce you to ~~not~~ give  
 yourself y<sup>t</sup> trouble of keeping it up <sup>me to let you</sup> permit

I free you from y<sup>t</sup> constraint -

Adieu that you may <sup>be</sup> happy is the first  
 wish of my Heart - & if y<sup>t</sup> knowledge  
 of y<sup>t</sup> steadiness of my friendship will  
 afford you any satisfaction - know y<sup>t</sup> I  
 shall ever be y<sup>t</sup> same - Nor shall I  
 ever deviate from my professions -  
 for they were made w<sup>th</sup> sincerity &  
 not from y<sup>t</sup> Adieu. Adieu Adieu <sup>from a</sup>

a real Friend

Sent Tuesday  
Monday the 14<sup>th</sup> -  
Dec<sup>r</sup> 14<sup>th</sup> 1779

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