

34 Dec^{br} 17th - Sent. Thursday 30th - to be given y^e 31st
For the love of Heaven stop, & stop
my friend. & do not thus headlong plunge yourself
into vice. Y^e. last ^{Note} letter & y^e preceding one
made every nerve of me thrill wth ~~apprehensions~~ ^{apprehensions} - I had
determin'd to say nothing further upon y^e subject
fearing it w^d be in vain & hoping Y^e. reason w^d
prove a sufficient guard - but You listen not
to y^e. voice of reason - & alas! will ^{linger} ~~not~~ I fear to
yt. of friendship. I conjure Y^e. strive to conquer
this ^{unhappy} infatuation - where are fled those sentiments
of Honor & virtue w^{ch} made Y^e. appear in so
amiable a light? who can have been so
infamous as to teach Y^e. such detestable doctrines?
You are preparing wretchedness for yourself -
You are drawing others in to share it - if You
will not acknowledge this now - there will come
a time when You ^{will} ~~feel~~ ^{feel} it - for You have a

& a heart too good ever totally to eradicate ^{love & admiration of his virtuous}
mind capable of reflection - ^{knows you better than you know yourself & any body else} - You will repent - but
perhaps

it will be then too late. - Look round y^r. world
my friend - see whether y^r. votaries of vice are
to be envied - ask if they are happy - you will
find y^m a set of miserable wretches, & if you caⁿ
possibly discern what they must at times feel - it
w^{ill} strike you w^{ith} ^{dread} ~~horror~~. Ask your heart if
you are willing to sacrifice every amiable & good
quality - to give up those ^{*} "self approving hours"
for remorse & self reproach. ^{for} No joys can be per-
manent w^h have not self approbation for their
basis. You allege y^r. poor undone object of your
present passion has already trod y^r. paths of vice
can y^t. be a reason for your endeavouring to sink
her immortal soul still deeper in perdition?
The idea makes one tremble; - I have y^r. eternal

* (or once favorite quotation)

as well as temporal happiness at heart - & I
cannot check its effusions - I know what you
will suffer hereafter & I exert my endeavours
to recall you to yourself
~~to save my friend~~ - If they are without effect,
- I must submit to have my admonitions
treated wth contempt - & myself laugh'd at for
my presumptions folly in having an opinion
in these matters different from y^e gay votaries
of fashion - but I shall have a pleasure they
cannot taste, y^t of acting, & speaking with
^{my most disinterested manner}
sincerity, & truth - They will flatter your vices ^{which they will encourage} -
I point out of none & ^{whether} I warn you against y^e - They want to sink
you to a level wth themselves - I want to
raise your virtues - for you have virtues - let
y^m not lie dormant but shew yourself superior
to y^e world - you can - you may - you ought
to be so. - My heart is torn wth anguish upon

Your account - I am your Friend & ^{as} such must
feel - I now bid you Adieu - I have done
my duty ~~or your business~~ & take my leave of

You till you are answer'd to yourself. Adieu
May all ye Blessings of Heaven attend you
~~Je vous prie de m'écrire de temps en temps de~~
~~l'affaire de M. de la Roche & de M. de la Roche~~

~~de M. de la Roche & de M. de la Roche~~ Adieu, j'ai prévu votre
changement, il me afflige, mais il ne me surprend
pas - ~~peut-être~~ moi je ne changerai jamais.

Daignez vous souvenir quelque fois de mon
amitié & Ne craignez pas que je vous
fasse jamais des reproches - ~~Je vous prie~~
~~de m'écrire de temps en temps~~