

1809

From P. Sophia

November 14<sup>th</sup> 1809

I am quite ashamed to be so long  
 have been long without acknowledging the receipt  
 of your kind letter with the 3<sup>d</sup> of the  
 month. I cannot express how truly I felt your  
 kindness in thinking of me in that way  
 for I am sure your good wishes are sincere  
 and trust me they are most acceptable in  
 the regard and esteem I have for you has  
 never ceased and I hold you as one of  
 my kindest & best of friends and in your  
 house found myself in many instances  
 I was very glad to hear that Mary Church  
 has been here for some days: just London  
 to home and speaking of her as a matter  
 of course and as if she was going on well  
 so I hope there is some chance of its  
 turning - I am glad to have been better  
 acquainted with the character and feelings  
 of my dear sister and I hope she is  
 much more than joined into them: one must  
 live to know and this is the case with  
 me: find the more true for I believe them  
 to be: but forgive me of any weakness if it  
 can but serve their purpose - God bless you  
 I wish I could see you and wish you would  
 but I cannot - My affectionate friend

