

1811

To Lady Mayo

High New Farm  
 Sunday  
 Night.

Dear Madam,

I write to inform your ladyship  
 that I shall not return to town till I have been at  
 Portsmouth various and many manuscripts to  
 make them do so: the time of year and my daughter not  
 being well and all I cannot help thinking this  
 day must consider my remaining here a prospect  
 being most serious: I shall continue here till Satur-  
 day and then go to Portsmouth and perhaps I shall  
 depend on my circumstances return here: I really want  
 needs to express the affection and friendship with



which I have been pained by dear and excellent Lady  
 Sarah: she is a most elegant and perfect woman  
 of passion ~~of~~ ~~of~~ ~~of~~: had she been the mother  
 of this very detestable man she would have been mine  
 - some more: if dear Lady Sarah knew me, or rather  
 she could not love me more sincerely and if she was  
 equally the mother of my soul and fascination  
 - therein she could not by her excellent conduct, have  
 her affection for the dear bewitching angel more than  
 she does: Lady Sarah's mind is superior to all vulgar  
 prejudice: in great want needs to express what  
 but for her most superior conduct to me:  
 I write to your lady's help under the most perfect



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confidence and have therefore to observe that I have  
 seen all the letters that have passed: I am if possible  
 more astonished than ever: the refusal is most certainly  
 by position: but there are terms relative to our way  
 never having in a fact or in a single word with the  
 ball on the following Wednesday what can be said  
 I have read above the last paragraph: with attention  
 on any thing but marriage shall make me give up  
 the all accomplished Catherine: excuse me if I am not  
 quite right: I have been for hunting the whole of morn-  
 ing and just returned from doing at Lord Rivers: I  
 may write and speak the truth: I hope in all directions  
 the better will be yours without benefit of clergy: I have  
 the best patience and shall not alter it but I am quite



and your kind help must excuse me: my best  
wishes and compliments attend Mrs. Weyland  
Mr. and Mrs. Smith: adieu my dear friend mine  
and ever believe me

Dear Madam,

Yours most sincerely

J. Smith

P.S. I am quite tired and not quite sober! but yet  
I know I will sleep long and have to value your  
kind help, friends help, God bless and preserve my  
valuable female friend.