

Answer to Sheridan

39232

June 10<sup>th</sup>  
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Dear Sheridan,

I have just received the kind letter  
 which your servant has brought me, & believe  
 you will do me the justice to believe how truly  
 happy I <sup>should</sup> be to see <sup>you or</sup> any friend who speaks  
 so feelingly with respect to my ~~private~~ <sup>interests</sup>. But  
 I will state with the greatest candour to you the real fact that is  
~~under the present existing circumstances, I feel~~  
~~that under the present circumstances~~  
~~it is unaccountable upon any other than the real fact to~~  
 You: that as my family are in earnest with my self  
 have determin'd to avoid as much as possible all  
 Ministerial, & even private <sup>(disruption)</sup> interference, it is  
 therefore I feel myself under the necessity of  
 declining seeing you, were we ever to talk only  
 upon indifferent matters.

Some some I need not add that,

Under any other circumstances, or at any other  
time, I should have been, & shall always be  
very happy to see you, <sup>as you pass by</sup> (when you have nothing  
better to do ~~as you pass by~~). I am dear friends  
<sup>best</sup>  
with every sentiment of regard,

Yours very sincerely

George C.

P.S. I never knew till this moment that you  
was writing in the land for my career, but thoughts  
that you had proceeded on to South America. I hope  
I have not deterred you long, & assure you I should  
have written sooner had I known that you <sup>young</sup>  
had been expecting my letter. as ever haste