

To Pce of Hales

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? Autumn 1798
(cf. Fitzgerald Vol II p. 313 as
to Caroline's attitude)

Wm. 1795

My Dear G^l

After the very great unsuccess
I expected in you this morning - and the conversation
we had which was not near completed when you were
obliged to leave me - I cannot refuse myself the troubling
you with a few lines to express the very great concern
I feel - and indeed we all do. At the dejected appearance
you made - I am not such a child as for you, or
any one else in the world to suppose me ignorant
of the cause - and I am convinced that the person
about whom we talked would be highly respected for
his conduct and opinion were she to act as would
become the respectability she has ever bore on
your account - After such real affection not to
say adoration on your side - and I am confident
from all I have heard pretty near the same on
hers - I am certain it is nothing less serious than
a reconciliation, which would surely make both of you

happy - The whole World knowing Your Good Heart and having
 Witnessed how much You suffered when You parted from Miss
 he the more convinced of the truth of Your Affection - and of its
 being of the most constant kind at all times - He would be
 come again the same Respected Personage He was formerly
 and how much interested should not we all and myself
 ["the last not least"] - be in the Happiness and Wellfare
 of the Object who constitutes Your Solicity? I have
 for many Years been totally in Your Confidence
 can with truth say how much You have suffered on
 Her account - how truly You have ever taken up Her
Brain, whenever an opportunity offered - and how
 much You really loved Her - Oh - if you'd but see You
 really happy with Her (which I am convinced is the
 only chance of Your really being happy) - My beloved
 Dearest G^d - I love You too sincerely to say what I do
 not think - and why if what the world says of the

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and having Principle is true that she desires she hopes to be of the being
 with You - why then should she not wish to make the
happy situation be known to all the World - it would you
 claim Your Medical Assistance - and You would both
 be admired for it - Your Happiness and Peace of Mind are
 too Dear to me - to remain silent where I think you
 even in your Secret Confess - Let me beg of You not to move
back at the sight of me, and enquire what a Scold my poor
 Old Supper - that cannot be for my Elbow is not formed
 and this I preach strongly - my Subject was concerning one
 so my very Dear that My Touchwood Nature could not
 treat it coolly - God bless You My Daughter G. - Dear
 Anemia is much better for the Laxative as the
Schwollenberg used to say - I hope Your Blessing will
 be better than the this - Love Yr. most truly

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Princess Margaret