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My dear lady Charlotte Finch Deserves a great many
Thanks for the many pretty Letters, good news of the dear
Children, and pleasant accounts she has so frequently
sent from her Sea habitation, but on the other side
fairly and honestly, what can I deserve for not answer-
ing them regularly? 'Tis praise that is due and
yet no blame neither, for our moving from London to
Geneva by way of Novelly and Visiting
Windsor for one Morning makes time pass away
exactly the same as the more reasonable employments
would do, it could lost time be recovered what a
Blessing I should think it yet at the same time
I adore the Wise Creator for directing it otherwise
as I am sure that the Knowledge of recovering
such a precious thing as lost time would make us
ever be less attentive than we are now, for does she
ever wish to be happy in the manner Providence

points out to him? Oh Man Man what a heap
of contradiction, and of Misery are we not!

One more we have been established at
Lew for about eight days, and to day toute la bande
joyeuse moves to Windsor where we are to fix our
Head Quarters, and only to be two Nights at Lew
to a contented mind all places are alike and therefore
I shall say but little upon that subject, excepting
I believe my present situation must make me a dull
companion amongst so many lovers of Walking and
riding, and in my own opinion feel myself in the
way.

Lord Egremont at last has made his propo-
sals of Marriage to Lady Maria Walgrave, You as
I cannot doubt of his meeting with a joyfull accep-
tion, all parties concerned in this Wedding seem to
like it, and be pleased with it, I answer for Lady Egremont

who expresses not only great delight in the thought of
her Sons settling, but declares already that it will
turn out happily, & much at the same time that
her acquaintance with the Young Lady, at the time
she told me this was but of an hours standing; I think
this sounds at least well, and I wish sincerely it may
prove so. Lord Grantham and Lady Mary Gray
is another settled Marriage. His choice meets with
universal approbation and I dont doubt but possi-
bly is of very fine religious principles, leading a
very sedate, sober, and good Moral life, notwithstanding
having lived much in the World, she will im-
prove Madams future property, particularly
as her Friends know her to be sensible, and that she
is desirous of pleasing, which goes half way towards
finishing this undertaking.

The continuation of good accounts from America

not have reached You before this, as it was unexpected
I was received with still greater pleasure, this account
I had accompanied with a letter from Admiralty
acquainting us with William having caught, and
well got over the Magles I thought it a particular duty
to be acquainted of the beginning and end at once as it saves
me some disagreeable hours.

The two letters from Mrs. Williams and
Hafers I received, the latter I think making no enquir-
ies about, and the first shall be enquired after when
ever her Month is up, Mrs. Peckins is also brought to
Bed and I stay for her Month being up, as I own they
were Mrs. Lashwards recommendation formerly in fa-
vour of this Person makes me very much inclined
towards her, but not unreasonably, I shall certainly
determine by the accounts of Mr. Hunter and Hargrave
shall think fit to give of them. Mrs. Sinclair's offer

I think it better to decline as her having ~~been~~ being brought to Bed eight Month ago is rather against her, you will therefore be so good as to write to lady Caroline Peachy the true reason which I think is the best way.

Lady Spencer seems to be perfectly easy about her Son, I saw him and excepting looking paler than in common he appears quite recovered. The Dutcheff of Ancaster is not as yet so easy upon lady Melloughby's account, the Physicians find her attending and declare that the Bad Fever is conquered, but when I tell you that her Pulse is never under 90 that her strength daily decreases, and that notwithstanding the quantity of Food she takes within the 24 hours of the Day and with pleasure too, her cough continues rather increasing you will not find much reason to hope for her recovering, I pity the Dutcheff, and admire Mr. Durvils conduct, who

for 22 Nights has not been in Bed nor ever putted off his
cloath excepting for putting on clean Linnen.

Hawkins desires very much that during our stay
at Windsor in case any ~~the~~ uneasiness should arise about
the Children which God forbid, he might be wroth too
to Lew as it makes a difference of 24 hours, so for I think
it reasonable, but only beg to aid that in case You should
think it necessary too want a Physician for the threem
der Your care, that You will Yourself write for Turton
and not leave it to Hawkins as he always is dilatory
upon this subject. let this remain amongst ourselves and
have no notice of it in Your answer to me.

I beg my love to all the dear Children, I am
sorry that poor Elizabeth hath not yet quite got
rid of those Coils, I thought Sea Water would washen
quite clean of all bad acquaintances, How happy should
I be to see dear Sophia a Visit in her putting mach

and how surpris'd wou'd you be to find me in it, shal
I must only think of it, in thoughts, I am very very
often with them all.

Pray tell Edward that three times had I begun
my letter to him and always been disturb'd, even today
the Duke of Gloucester prevent'd it again, it will come
by next post when I flatter myself to pick up more
news by that time.

Mrs Hamilton shall if possible soon have ano
ther letter, hers is delightfull and very unchristian
like I envied her the gift of writing so well. my Compli
ments to all the Gentleman belonging to your company

I saw Mrs Liding last Sunday Evening for
a quarter of an hour, she looks well what is by far better
she is well, as a proof of this, I heard of her being upon
Richmond Terrace about half hour after Nine.

I am absolutely ashamed of the length of my letter

and in order to make amends for the incorrect ill words
I have written you are so ready I will desire you to give little
Dear Belovins & to believe sincerely your affectionate Friend
Charlotte

Paris
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