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Sunday Windsor

My dearest Lady Cha
Though I wrote to you
yesterday yet I can not help troubling
you again today to excuse as well
as I can how ~~xxx~~ grateful I feel for your
very kind & amicable letters as well as
for the beautiful present which is
to me the prettiest thing I ever saw.
My sweet Lady Cha any thing that
comes from you must ever be
valuable in my eyes, but as I am
vain enough to believe I possess what
I think far more valuable than
any thing a place in your
heart & believe me I want not to
be to recall you to my memory
I flatter myself you really are
better I am sure by your dear hand
writing I could not find out you

are
~~was~~ any weaker and I hope my
sweet dear Lady Tho will not go
& nor do writing or any thing else
pray think of nothing but getting
well as fast as you can in
consequence whenever you are
equal to leave I own I trust you
will make three days journey of
it to Barbey & not attempt
our fatiguing yourself I feel so
sure if you go down quietly
& without hurry change of air
& being with your love will
restore your health sooner than
any thing I could give you
I must beg you will not
answer this sermon & only let
me hear from some one of the
family you are going on well

I shall be quite satisfied - I
rejoice the little cup I ventured
to send has given you one
moment's pleasure. I can assure
you it makes me so happy
whenever it is in my power
to prove to you how sincerely
I love you & how grateful
I feel for every mark of kindness
& motherly tenderness I have
experienced from you ever since
my birth - Our party to Oakland
went off charmingly yesterday
the weather being so fine
we saw the place in perfection
Adieu
Gourville

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[Faint, mirrored handwriting from the reverse side of the page, appearing as bleed-through.]