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~~April~~ I - I am now made an arrival at
my estimable friends, at Boston near
Chichester. Mrs. Mosley has lately presented
her husband with a very fine Boy, and
I came here to make him personally
my Compl^{ts} of Congratulation. Mr. M.
has given me a convincing proof of his
friendship for me - which may be shewn
to us - he wishes very much that we
continue to live near him in Staffordshire
where he is building an house - which is
only a few miles distant from ^{an} amiable
Relation Lady S. Horfuer - in a happy & pleasant
country - we sh^d. be excellent neighbours.
For we have a very great regard for one another
and I must do him the justice to say that
he possesses the best heart and the best spirit.

Plus of any man I ever met with - his feeling
of which he has only a moderate share, or
merely feebles - Vice of every kind, he is an
entire and perfect stranger to - and his
virtues have endeared him to me - he has
a good fortune and lives within it -

On the 3^d I wrote to my dear Mary and on
the 5th came here to spend a few days at the
apartment now at Charles - The paper
the greatest part of our time in hearing
the trials of the poor culprits - one man was
condemned for burglary - Pepper bidem my
Lord judge - was so much affected previous to
the delivery of the awful sentence, that I thought
he w^o not have been able to have gone, this is
he, joined with a relation of mine - who lately
married a lady with a fortune of £2000 - and the
pretty creature, to whom her father paid out
no more than £200 for the furniture of his
house - in the evening we returned to the

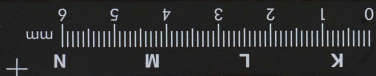
Castle to hear a curious trial - in consequence
of an action that was brought against a man
for presuming to give a young Lady a Keel -
as the my lord, I hardly understood the meaning
of the word - but hope that you will not
always allow me to remain in a state of
ignorance - This extraordinary trial lasted
5 hours - in the course of it a very beautiful
woman, ^{of character} underwent a long examination to the
infinitesimal entertainment of the Court - I was
quite in pain for her - the poor man was
condemned to pay a fine of 20 shillings, and
probably would pay it with the greatest reluctance
and think the favor a very dear purchase -
How superlatively happy sh^d Mr. to that a
Keel from my dear friend and most amiable friend
and afterwards he was condemned to take a £1000
more - that Pleasure Shop. will not be
long denied to me - as a little time
will give me a right to claim that favor



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would you say that I am very impatient
or some such sort of thing? - Had I been
a determined old Bachelor. M. Happiness
which my friend enjoys with his amiable
Partner would have staggered the firmest
resolutions - I never saw two people more
adapted for each other, and consequently
as happy as they can be in this world -
M. has been upon many accounts extremely
fortunate - from his strong partiality to
a domestic life, which I think he carries
too far - there was great reason to suppose
that he would not meet with a woman of
his turn of mind - particularly when fortune
alone was the first consideration in
this instance he has been successful, as M. is
in every thing he is possibly wish, and has
brought him a fortune of 40,000 £ and

much more is settled upon his Children -
The M. m., that he does not know what
will become of him if his Father should
die before him - for an increase of income
of 5000 £ a year will ruin his happiness,
as he would not know how to make a proper
use of so much money - his present in-
come being fully adequate to supply
all his necessities, and to procure him
all the enjoyments of life that would
be suitable to his ideas and dispositions
I have heard of an instance of generosity
in the Inhabitants of Christo, which
pleased me - there was lately a dreadful
Fever in the town which raged with the
greatest violence amongst the poor American
Refugees - a Mr. Skinner who had given



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up an Estate in America of 3000 a Year was
attacked, & together with his wife, and a
beautiful and amiable daughter, with
this dire disease - they were reduced to
the last extreme of misery and despair, not
having a single morsel of bread or one
farthing in the world - This situation
being made known to the public - there were
none who were not with tender feelings
that did not contribute to the relief
of this unhappy family - a great many
Bank Notes were sent to them in blank
covers, and presents were made to them, in
such a manner, as could not wound their
delicacy - to the amount of £100 in one day -
This unfortunate man was bereft of his
wife - and upon his recovery, the ^{and} ~~the~~ ^{public} ~~the~~
donor he went to Church & gave thanks

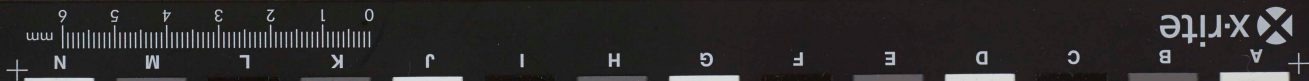
publicly for the restoration of his health to
his mother - and expressed his gratitude to the
unknown and generous Benefactors in a
very handsome manner. - -

I don't know my very dear friend how
long I shall remain here - I believe it will
be necessary for me to be in London in
a few days - Mr. M. has had half an ^{hour} ~~hour~~
to sit with me about 5 - -
Probably I shall be at home the beginning
of next week - You are constantly in my
thoughts both night and day - I long to
see you again to tell you how much I love
you - but next happy meeting will unite
us for ever and ever - Adieu my Love

I am always and forever with you

Yr. S. Duttonson -

God bless you



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