

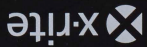
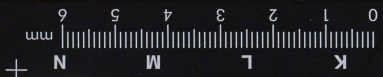
Bath 19th June 1789 1.

My dear friend

I am at last arrived in this town and am writing to you in Miss Phillips apartments—just of old I shall begin with my journal—At Buxton I found my company consisted of a little lively Italian & a sickly Frenchman in English Dress who had travelled a great deal, who was so extremely like John Spencer, that at first I was surprised at his presumption & I found the resemblance to be equally strong in temper & manners—The other was a sister of my own a woman about 4 times the size of Betty. Challenge got into our very small coach, which she half filled—but had I not been an intruder, I certainly w. not have admitted her. For two of us were obliged to go on the out side—I took my post there from Litchfield to Birm^m—The air was intensely hot, otherwise that mode of travelling is pleasant, as one may see more of a country than on Horse back—Ten miles from Birm^m we took up a person who soon entered into conversation with me—in the course of it he entered into a minute detail of the inside of Warwick Castle which he is perfectly well acquainted with—he was the person who bro^d Mr. Ledbrooke in for the town—w. he did from a publick spirit—he said he had

always been extremely attached to the family & would now do
any thing in his power to serve them - but the manner in w.
the town was treated vexed him & having his spirits raised
with a bottle of wine, he unfortunately gave his promise
to Mr. Ledbrooke which he repeated, he would not retract.
The sum of twenty guineas given in a handsome manner
at a ^{parting gift} ~~to him~~ would have prevented Roberts losing his seat - but L. ^{he}
thought the inhabitants so much at his command, that
no sort of attention or civility was necessary from him to keep
them subservient to him - This man's name is Belmont, Brother
to D. G. of Warwick. He is a painter - in consequence of his opposition
to the B. C. he has lost a place & of the value of 3000 to him & has been
obliged to assume his profession in Birm^{ing}ham which he had left off for
^{he did not know that I was at no distance from this conversation - his pleasant thing from that point of view}
many years - At Birm^{ing}ham I found there was no room in the
Bristol coach was just setting out & that the Bath coaches
only on three days a week & that I must stay till Thursday
morn^g. I did not like to do so I engaged a place at the
Swan, to w. I then I removed, for the next afternoon for
Bristol, as I determined to take that opportunity of seeing
Miss Moore - I went to a circulating library to get a
Book where I met with a very extraordinary boy of 15 years
old - He answered my questions in such a manner that I
could not help laughing & supposed that he was asking his
Master who probably might be a pedantish Bookworm
I asked him if he was fond of reading? & yes he read a
great deal. Plays & Novels I suppose? & yes, I never read
such books as those - pray what is thy favorite study? Divi-
nity sir? and whose books do like best? better like but
Bacon is my favorite Author - just then his Master
came into the shop - who told me "that the little old man
had made his election" I enquired on what he chose

had fallen. He said the Independent Church - which he said
was the only perfect one. I left the shop taking with me
a collection of 50 tracts history of Peter the great -
Wednesday - I was engaged in reading till it was too late to
have much conversation with this religious boy when I
returned the book - There happened to be a man, ^{then} who told
me that the Master was so fond of him that he w. not be
without him for a 1000 £ & that if he was his child & his
only one he could not have a greater regard for him - The
boy is an orphan - just before we set out a gentleman
desired I would give him leave to go in the coach as all the
places were taken - as one was a young girl I consented
but afterwards repented, from the additional heat which
a ^{little} person occasioned - He was a disarming Minister
a young man & agreeable enough - he had also a w.
weak woman & her Abigail - who sat
opposite to me - the only amusement I had was
in making the pair laugh at his Master's
Reasoner which I did by reminding her how & then
with my knee poor soul I'm sure set back w. aches &
yes but for seeing such a fool - we supped at Worcester
I came on the outside from Bromsgrove & found it extremely
pleasant, as the heavy rain in the morning had laid
the dust at Tewkesbury I did not feel quite comfortable as
we found that some accident had happened almost every
night lately and broken bones were spoken of with utter
indifference - I ^{thought} ~~thought~~ of my dear Mary & her
sweet Bedfellow - he however arrived safe at Bristol at
7 o'clock after being 15 hours upon the road without
sleep & having plenty of disagreeable expectations, no
conversation, ~~as~~ my companions were smoking round me
& to complete my happiness I w. not raise a servant till
8 o'clock when I got some hot water which served as a tea.



advancement for a warm bath - changed my linen, by w. I was
 tolerably refreshed - The rain fell incessantly till 10 o'clock
 when I went to Night Dress - I found Hannah & Betty were absent
 but received a hearty welcome from the rest - with whom I spent
 a most agreeable day - dined in family - had a great deal of
 pleasant conversation & left them with regret at 4 - when I had
 a smart run to be in time for my coach - I shall write more
 about this visit in my next & shall only now say that they said
 there was little doubt of a certain person, having married a common
 woman at Plymouth many years ago, wh. but they had been his own

Mr. Dukeson
 Sarah
 Joseph & Faith
 & Josephine
 & Jos.

Ba
 only
 m

Mother - I was very sorry to hear it indeed - I came to Bath at 6 o'clock
 day & was received with open arms by the Rundells when I spent the Ev. g.
 Mr. Rundell fixed at Mr. Davis's R. 16, Queens Square - Mr. Rundell says
 that a few times bathing will relieve me - the irritation is owing
 to Bile's being thrown to the outward parts of the body where
 it is too thick to pass thro' the pores - he told me that a few
 Drops of Laudanum would always give me relief - I'm sure he
 loves us both, he wishes to see Louisa - Abby is just come down
 in popillotes to tell me that Mrs. House is burnt down -
 & I'm to say a 1000 things for her - the best thing I can say is ty the
 Lewis by herself & that her Sisters have left her - God for ever bless
 preserve you my dear dear Mary, keep our dear ^{dear} for herself & me
 think of me & always love me, half as much as you are beloved by
 my Love to my Father & Sisters -
 I am not to be seen to the water or bath till Sunday - D. Rundell -
 y^r faithful S. D.