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This day did not turn out as I prognosticated. Angles & I rode
to old Down 14 miles from hence on the better Road where we stopped. I sent
his servant on to Newcastle on the bed of Mr. Cox Member for this County
with a Letter to Mr. Wipsham, who married Mr. Cox's sister, who returned
us an invitation to dinner. As there were some doubts about this, &
our appetites not brooking any delay, we consulted the Landlord of the
Inn for Cold Meat, with which we were agreeably amusing ourselves
when the servant arrived, & tho' all reasonable people w^d have been pro-
perly satisfied, yet an order was immediately given to put the Cavalry
in motion & to storm the Castle sword in hand - The gates were opened
and we received with great courtesy by the Deputy Governor Mr. Wip-
sham, also by his Lady, who in the opinion of my brother Traveller, is a
perfect Goddess. Mr. W. who is a German, is a very well bred Man, his
manners are very engaging - a Mr. Stouard member for some place, his
cheek faced wife & a very young Man with a cockade in his hat, also a
country justice arrived soon after us - Mr. Cox did not make his ap-
pearance till we were sat down to dinner - he is a very large Man, I suppose
weighs 22 Stone at least, seems active, his countenance is sensible, & he
would have been handsome, but for his under lip which is thick &
has in no play in its muscles - he was very civil to us - The dinner and
wines were suitable to his fortune which is 16000^l p^a year. The conver-
sation turned a little to politics in which I took no part, but chiefly
to justice business, which at all times is a delightful subject. I had an op-
portunity of enquiring after Lady Mordaunt, who is rather better - we left
this seat of plenty at 4 p^m & had a cheerful ride thro' the pleasantest
country I have hitherto seen - which you w^d have enjoyed equally wth me -
how often did I wish to hear you exclaim "Mr. D. Mr. D. Look to the right, how
beautiful that scenery." &c. &c. I need not tell you how greatly this w^d have
added to my pleasure - 3/ I called upon Angles & we walked for 3 hours
at 2 I met Mr. S. as I was going to call upon them & went a shopping with her
which I apprehend she receives greater pleasure from than her Husband wishes
I staid a little time with Angles & took my leave of them as they set out this
afternoon for Lady Justice to whom I sent Compl^{ts} at my return home I
had the felicity of meeting with a Letter of the 28 June - & went immedi-
ately to the pump room to examine the list of animals - The Pump Man told me
that at this time of the year Horses were imported mainly to make an Office one
of a long list of animals - there was no Hindes, but a Dickenson not my sweet boy.
at 7 I called at the Mendells & went to Mr. Melnes. Miss M. told me it was
very prejudicial to me to read or write or to be much occupied whilst I was dining
the waters. She soon changed her opinion when I proposed to read a book to her &
her Mother w^{ch} she had recommended to me - on history of the late revolution in
Holland - with which she seemed much pleased & I promised to go there when
I can - we began - but w^d not proceed for the unpleasant gabbling of a spirit party.
I spent two hours very pleasantly & came home - Miss M. charged me to say a thousand

things for the hair for which she was more obliged to me than she c^d express the feeling
traded upon her was not by design, & had most that previous relief on my looks, so
that I could give you no del^y of it except last night, & this morning called
upon Mr. M^r & staid 4 or 5 hours with her. She is much engaged in her attendance
upon an old Lady, who is very exp^{sive} to die, which she has been in constant expecta-
tion of for a considerable time. Mr. M^r does not seem to leave her. But as soon
as the Lady is dead Mr. M^r means to go to Ireland to spend a few months
amongst her own & some of our agreeable friends. I had Mr. M^r's principal
breakings arise from family p^{er} & the recent nobility of their blood has by
no means diminished his self satisfaction. She was ex^{tr}emely laughed
at a few days ago by a party whom I was - but that does not take away from her
greatness. She told me that Mr. M^r Hartley had thanked her for introducing me to her.
this was very flattering to me. I left my name at Mr. M^r's & Vanburghs.
Yesterday was the hottest day we have had this year, & this day again is clear
& with rain. I meant to have gone to Mr. Hartley's last night, but the
great quantity of rain that fell in the afternoon made the air so damp that
I did not venture out. I did not choose to be at the expense of being
there. The distress of this morning prevented my going to Church. How-
ever, I read a very good sermon of St. John's to Mr. Davies & his Daughters.
The weather cleared up at once & at 2 Mr. M^r & D^r that two eldest Daughters
I marched to a little Cottage about half a mile from K^{ing} where we dined
with a Mr. Simpson - a young Man of good fortune, who was a large
here - & has taken this place as a home in this neighborhood. he
gives about 40. I don't know what will become of us in a few years
for every young man with or without a fortune now can buy nothing
but about. There is no desire yet for a Gentleman to drink but that
previous liquor. The more their country is taxed & the more ex^{tr}ase
part the inhabitants of this country become. I cannot avoid
the joy of an agreeable circumstance which I am sure will
give you pleasure. This morning when I was at the pump
room I had the ~~pleasure~~ pleasure of meeting Mr. Jackson who
is come to make some stay, he informed me that Mr. Robert
was in town who come up to us in a few minutes. Mr. Robert
from K^{ing} yesterday. I was really very glad to see Mr. Jackson as
there is no man for whom I have an higher esteem & he seemed equally
glad to meet me. Mr. C. is not well & Mr. M^r means to drink the
waters for a week or ten days. Miss Lady Morris has wrote to enquire
you of the death of her lovely sister & you will be glad to hear that she
beats up under this affliction wonderfully. She is to stay at K^{ing}
till Mr. Robert can return & take her to Paris. This information that
from Mr. C. he added it will be an excuse for Mr. C. to ride his hobby again. I
think he does not object of those frequent journeys. It was lucky that Lady
M^r could be with her sister for being concerned that if the poor soul could
she must be a miserable couple all her life - would induce the most

affectionate heart to wish for her release. This is tolerable. Mr. C. supposes that
she may be kept nearly in the state that she is. I staid on Mr. Jackson at 9
& set off an hour with him, Mr. Robert came in whilst I staid. I left them at breakfast
& came home to mine. At 2 I met Mr. Robert in Wilson Street, we talked of
Mr. Jackson's resolution in not consulting a Physician - for he had drunk
only one small glass of water & had been disordered the whole day & we con-
cluded the best way would be to send one to him. as he had mentioned
St. James's we immediately went to his house, where Mr. Robert
at 6 o'clock I called & found them playing at Backgammon, Mr. C. said
in his good humored way - that we had pushed his pocket & that we ought
to have left it to him to determine whether he should show us any
money in that way or not. I played with Mr. C. in the course
of the game Mr. C. whistled, having made a bad throw which reduced
him to a dilemma, & which is a common thing for an Englishman to do.
Mr. Robert told us that if we were to whistle upon such an occasion
in France that we sh^d undoubtedly be obliged to fight, &
he gave us this instance as a proof of his opinion. Mr. Robert
was at play in Paris in a similar situation with Mr. Jackson
whistled upon which the Frenchman tapped him on the
shoulder & walked into another room, whether Mr. C. immediately followed
him, supposing that the other wanted to speak to him - but to his great
astonishment found him with his sword drawn & in an attitude
for fighting. Mr. C. enquired into the cause of this & the Frenchman
told him that he had insulted him & must fight, Mr. C. asked what it
was that he deemed an insult. the other said that in France they whistle
& ~~thou~~ would be gentleman. Luckily Mr. C. had not his sword or he might
have fallen a victim to French pretensions, & before he c^d procure one the
matter was made known & some sensible people explained to the hot
Frenchman the impossibility of Mr. C. having meant any affront to him
from what might have escaped him involuntarily. Jackson said he
was obliged to Mr. Robert for he certainly should have whistled if he had been
then in France. I that this good creature & went to Mr. Hartley's where
I had a pleasant reception & staid with her till 9. She desired to know
when I said that she might send to me - & commented that you was not
in Bath. I returned to my two friends, where we had a Rubbac at
Backgammon which I won & left them at ten o'clock. I was not aw-
joyed to find our two Indians returned - one of them Capt. Davis, mentioning the
punishments that are inflicted upon the Blacks, said that for capital crimes of Convict
is always burnt. for a Black man or woman with even their dearest relatives put
to death with the greatest compassion & with rather regret if they can have the body
to bury, for when a Black is buried they say to ~~you~~ home & are sure he is ~~happy~~
whatever crimes he may have been guilty of - as that burning is the only punish-
ment that strikes their minds with any degree of horror. This morning I met
Miss Polony in the street who complimented me on the improvement of my looks
I staid upon Mr. M^r & D^r who visited me to dine there, but I refused myself Friday
& promised to dine with them on Friday or Saturday. I advised me to take me



These dose of Castor oil which I propose to do tomorrow. He thinks it
will assist the waters very effectually - I met Mr. K. upon the parade.
He has been much taken up with assisting Mr. Beassier whose
husband is dead & I found her giving orders for the funeral. I have not
yet got Mr. Poggie's letters, but shall have them soon. I am lying in today
and am as well as can be expected - in my last I forgot to express my great
grief & concern which has mightily oppressed my spirits, for not having brought
one of your shoes with me; however we can ease my conscience by this means
order Morrison (dear soul) what pleasing expectations may she not form
in her mind from my return - as I am every day reminded of her goodness
to me & she may depend upon my gratitude to be taken an exact measure of
the length of the inside of your shoe, which may be remeasured by a piece
of thread & a knot upon it just such a knot as she dreams of every night, will ascertain
that important point - then a string fitted exactly round the instep will do that
difficulty, & also the number of miles or exact distance from the point of the foot to
the other point that covers it with turned instep will set this matter in a clear
& light that any number of these may be produced in obedience to my commands.
Adieu my dearest best friend - write me another charming letter & believe that
yours I is the happiest slave bond in the world - Mr. Throbbell is coming to me
today as I will not go to him - I will learn to draw, but I find my eyes are weak.

Mary
Elizabeth
Throbbell
to Mary
Elizabeth
Throbbell

Recently employed already - Naugyini is my next door neighbor - but his
terms I am afraid will keep us at a respectable distance - for it too much to
throw away upon my voice - true & more advice - I am very well - & shall be perfectly
so when I have dined.