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I have to day heard your riding
criticized by some Gentlemen in —
stead of following the Hounds you follow
the stag — you do not manage your
Horse properly, & of consequence
blew him — a person said Mr.
C told them he had taken the liber-
ty to tell you so — that you
thanked him & stop'd — but in
a few moments you set off &
forget his instructions — I
likewise heard you asked a
Gentleman if the late D^{ch} of
York had been a great Fox
hunter &c &c you was answered in
the affirmative — O then, you
replied, you may depend upon it
his Nephew will endeavour to
surpass him in all his actions

I do not make camouflets but how
do I wish you would be a little
more upon your guard - you and
your friends are so situated that not an
expression or remark is or will be
lost - you cannot enjoy the privilege
of being unnoticed - you have
my fervent wishes for your happi-
ness - May every day of your
life be crowned with joy & gladness

Adieu Adieu

Will my friend pardon me if I add
that I once heard a very sensible

remark - That persons that excelled
in Mimicry had no character of
their own, & that ridiculing the

foibles of others was the
greatest proof of a weak under-
standing.