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indeed my Dear Mrs Jackson
I must appear both unkind and uncivil to
have been so long without acknowledging
your very kind and obliging letter - but I assure
you that has not been the case; and I write
for my self I should more frequently send
you testimonials of my remembrance
and affection - but my increasing having
many occupations to call her away from
that office and several improving friends
to satisfy makes it impossible to be as
regular as I wish in my answers -
- My dear I thank God has now quite
recovered the Languor that she suffered

now very well

for some time after the measles she
has now so much time to recover with
her charters. which I cannot break in
upon. that she is of no use to me
in writing. I have the satisfaction
to assure you that she improves very
much and begs I will make her particular
compts to you and Mr Dickinson - the
amiable and worthy ship steward is
established much to her satisfaction and
approved of by every body. especially by those
she wishes most to please. - I certainly
am very happy in her being allowed to see
me. which gives me an opportunity of
seeing her often. tho her visits are generally
short. and she has so many absent friends
to consider that all her spare time

is scarcely sufficient to satisfy their different
demands - never any body and better calculated
for the best she is now in - as so far
of the confinement is disagreeable to her

This moment my girl is stepped
in to my choice to call Lady Louisa
Clayton who is to Chaperon her to
Swedenborg Place - which began yesterday -
it is reported and believe not without
foundation that Miss Clayton (Mr Clayton
daughters's first wife) is to be married
to Col^l Jose who bears a very good
character - and has shown a steady attachment
to her - she has a good fortune - is sensible
and agreeable - and his circumstances I
suppose are approved of by her friends -

I know my Dear Friend is anxious to
know how my shattered frame goes on - I
feel that decline which I might have

expected many years ago - But much I
owe to Providence for the support and
comfort I find by experience - I am now
recovering from a Languor that often
seizes me - and warns me of what is
to come - Yesterday morning I ventured to
early Prayers I sat in my chair which
I don't do when I am in my best health
- after Prayers were over and the King
and Queen had with their usual ^{kind} condescension
taken notice of those they bled by - Her
Majesty took me by the hand and said
is my dear Mrs Delany well enough to
go with us to the Lodge to breakfast -
to which you may believe I with pleasure
and gratitude consented to - and after hurried
breakfasted with the bright Constellations
confered of their Majesties and 6 Princesses
I saw them all depart in their Coaches for

Then the Convention Day is to be kept
 on Tuesday and the return again on
 Saturday. I own I shall be glad when
 the day returns - for when the flag -
 does not appear on the round tower
 (and so) is dismal to me. Princeps Day
 is much rejoiced I hope in a way of
 being quite well but they are cautious
 and don't suffer her to use any great
 exercise. She is very amiable and I
 some times spend an evening with her
 at the Tower Lodge - I have been much
 shocked by the death of Mrs Fountain
 which has been very unexpected as
 she was ill but one hour before she
 died. She is a very great loss to all
 those she was connected with particularly

to my good and never failing friend
Mr. Th. Montagu - I have frequently had
accounts from my nephews of their
agreeable friends Mr & Mrs. Dickens
always happy when they had an opportunity
of enjoying their conversation so much.

The death of the Marchioness of
Graham is universally lamented - Lady
St. Asaph was one day last week
brought to bed of a second son - and
I am going to write to dear Lady
Ayre to congratulate her - I had
a letter last week from Bradenton
from Mrs. Proctor where she is happy
with 9 grandchildren about her kind
sons and daughters. When I write I will
obey your commands - I suppose you

hear constantly from Lady Osborne and have
 better information than I have lately had
 I fear my much respected friend
 Lord Mansfield is in a declining
 state not as to his intellects - but
 suffering great Pains from Rheumatism
 and sleepless nights - that I could tell
 a Rascal or two more sure I was
 able to tell - I find I can dictate
 no longer - but what her feelings
 I am sensible of - nothing will diminish
 the esteem and ^{affection and} warm wishes of my
 Dear Madam your most affectionate
 and oblig'd M^d Delany

I am much flattered with
 your Deceptions Partiality they make my very
 Particular Complts to them - to hear of your
 mutual Happiness will always give me pleasure

we will settle about the Cuba Cigar
when we meet

Very truly
Yrs
J. H. Kelly
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