

I return you a thousand thanks, Dear Madam, for the favour of your kind and comfortable Letter. I know not how sufficiently to thank my dear Mrs Delany, nor to admire her generous attention to the feelings of her friends, at a time when one could only expect her to be engross'd by her own. She does me but Justice in believing that I most truly sympathised in her affliction, and was very apprehensive for her health. I had written to Mrs Landford, for I thought a letter addrest to herself would be only troublesome and afflicting at present. The day before I received yours I had great comfort from Mrs Boscawen who told me how admirably our excellent friend preserved her sweet and patient resignation. I know the greatness of her mind and the strength of her principles. but still I fear for her mortal frame. a selfish fear! of what perhaps constitutes her greatest consolation. It is a great satisfaction to me to hear that you

are in Town who must be so great a support to her. I much
fear Mr. Landford is not able to attend her as I am
sure she wishes to do, and I would gladly have come to
Town to have tried to supply her place if I could have
flatter'd myself it would have been acceptable, and
if more precious Comforters were not at hand.

I thought you had gone out of Town immediately
upon your Marriage, or I should have offer'd you
my sincere congratulations. alas that I must now
add condolence to them! your loss is indeed a general
concern - but heavy indeed must it be to those who
enjoy'd so high a place as you did in the friendship
of the excellent Dr. of Portland! - how unspeakably
great to her first friend! May God Almighty
support and comfort her! - I am glad to hear that
Mr. Deves is coming to her. Where does she mean to
spend the remainder of the Summer?

I am much obliged to you and to Mr. Dickenson
for the honor you did me in calling at my Lodgings,
and shall be always happy to cultivate your
acquaintance and kindness. I beg my best compliments
and congratulations to Mr. Dickenson.

Be so good to express for me the most affectionate wishes
 my heart is capable of to my dear good Mrs Delany
 with the truest gratitude for her kind remembrance
 of me. ^{Mrs} Burrows and Mr Smith ^{of} all desire to
 offer their kindest Condolence and are most truly
 touch'd and interested for her. Mrs Amy Burrows
 was withheld, as I was, from writing to Mrs Delany
 by the fear of disturbing and troubling her, but her
 tender heart, which has suffer'd like deprivations,
 feels sincerely for her's.

I am Dear Madam with repeated thanks

Yours very much obliged

and obedient servant

Hester Chapone

July 24th 1705

I beg my thanks and good wishes to poor dear
 Mrs Vesey. [The late accounts I have heard of
 Mr V.'s will fill me with indignation and
 concern, and disappointed me the more as I had
 heard a very different account.]

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