

Copy of my letter to Mrs Mrs. Snell 22
March 7th 1709 sent 9th

Though it is long since I have
heard from or written to my dear & respected
friends. I am as equally persuaded of the con-
stancy of their regard & good wishes towards me
as I am certain of the constancy of my attach-
ment towards them — I am now animated to
break through the silence w. th has prevailed
between us, by the desire of communicating to
them how my heart glows with rapture
at the happy their happy restoration of
our beloved and good King's health — God has
been exceedingly gracious towards us, he
has relieved us from our sorrow — may we
have a just sense of the blessing he has vouch-
safed to restore to us, & merit that our amia-
ble sovereign may very long continue to reign
over these Kingdoms — few, very few of his subjects
(comparatively speaking) I believe are so sensible

as not to feel & acknowledge the goodness of
Almighty God in the Recovery of his Majesty -
I have strongly felt all that I know the Queen
must suffer, & prayed fervently for a mitigation
of her troubles - blessed be God they are not only
now mitigated but ended; deeply has she drunk
of the bitter cup of affliction - may she never again
taste it! Her Majesty has now set a bright
example to the female sex of every moral virtue
by acting with unwearied propriety - she
has now shown them what advantages are to be reaped
from christian piety, which has so enabled her to bear
up under the pressure of a grievous trial & affliction
with proper resignation to the divine will, & supported
her to fulfill her duties in an exemplary manner
when her heart was pierced by the most poignant
anguish. I heard from my dear friend Mr. Haemone
lately who had had the honor & satisfaction of seeing
her Majesty, that she thought that the Queen looked
like one who had gone through much trouble and
was thinner - it will make me very happy if you
can tell me that her health is not materially

impaired? that she has recovered her looks with her
happiness - also that the Princesses have not suffered
in theirs from their late affliction - This question
I likewise ask you my dear friend, for I
will know how deeply you have been affected.

May you will remember me kindly to Mr. & Mrs. Hol-
mondeley of whom I hope you will be able to send
me good news. Mr. Dickenson desires you will
accept his aff. respects. Our little girl is in
perfect health, & delights our hearts, by seeming to
have as far as one can judge at her tender age an
amiable aff. disposition -

Pray give my love to Miss Burney, & tell her I should be
glad to hear of her health from herself or not you
as well as Miss B. glad that Miss Pitt is married?

I have not yet heard any particulars relative to
Mr. Worthington, but I have no doubt Mr. & Mrs. Grenville
made a prudent choice. I shall esteem it a favor if
you will present my Compl. to Mr. & Mrs. Grenville
when you have an opportunity, and
desire you will remember us very aff. to our dear
Mr. & Mrs. Gordon. I remain ever
your devoted M. & M. Smiths

Yours & aff. friend
May Dickenson
Mr. & Mrs. Gordon shall be happy
to hear the Montagu's are well
we spent a very agreeable day at Spadeford in the autumn
and present our kind compliments to them



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