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My dearest Miranda

I now sit down to give you a just & faithful account of your dear Mother's Health, the alteration is within ten days is wonderful & I hope as the medicines operate ~~more~~ apparently in a very gentle manner, that, their effect will be permanent, she has taken some pills - powders & drops which are not disagreeable to her. I should have mentioned that, the Dr told her her disorder was occasioned by an Obstruction, which he believed he could remove & I think he said that her indigestion & shortness of breath were the effects of something collected in her Stomach which he called slime.

She has slept remarkably well for four nights successively - better than for a long time. her breath is greatly relieved, & her appetite good, she has no headach nor sickness - she told me to-day that her legs are swelled & that several blisters have appeared on her body below her Stomach

This the D^r has been informed of & thinks
favourable. she has no pain & says that
had she been a fortnight ago as well
as at present - she certainly should not
have sent to Myerbach. - she has been
playing at Backgammon with Catherine
& myself - & appears to have very good
spirits - she has an implicit confidence
in the D^r -

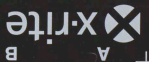
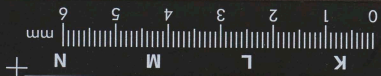
What has particularly induced your Mamma
to go to Myerbach is the surprising
effects his medicines have had on M^{rs}
Warton - whom I saw in May - very ill
she had a very bad indigestion & looked
dreadfully - she has very slight returns of
the Indigestion - & can eat with safety things
she has not ventured to touch for years -
her countenance was so improved that every
one expresses surprise who sees her -
she is coming to London to ~~advise with him~~
as consult him again -

May the truths I have told you my
Dear Miranda give you pleasure. I
shall be very happy to send you intelli-
gence as agreeable in future.

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I did not perceive that I had written on
half a sheet & meant to have added a few lines.
I give you many thanks for your kind Letter.
Did you know, Miranda, how great the satisfac-
tion with which I receive what you write, you
would wish you had opportunities to make me
often - happy

You ask me to give you my sentiments res-
pecting the Event now in suspense, & in
which my dear Catherine is so nearly interest-
ed. I am really not able to judge, her judge-
ment is I think to be depended on & she
best knows - or at least can best judge -
whether she will be happy in giving her hand
to M^r J. - I believe he would make her a
good Husband. & I think with you - that
we may presume - he loves her, his conduct
towards my Sister has been that of a
Gentleman, & bespeaks him a man of true
honour & Delicacy - I do not recommend it
to her - nor do I disapprove of it - she does not
take it unkindly - that I have not
~~entire~~ taken any part in it, for she knows
I love her with tenderness.



Your advice to her was very kind. & you
were very amiable in acting as you did.
I wish - ardently to see Catherine happily
settled - but I should be miserable if
I were to chuse for her - it is I think
probable - that she will accept this offer,
but keep - this my dear - Miranda within
your own breast -

I have another Sister. whom I wish too
to see - happily married if that man
might be found who should deserve
her - I leave you to guess whom I
mean - & I permit you to censure me
if I have taken too great a freedom in
giving her the name - yet my
Affection might efface the fault
Adieu my dear Miranda
Oct^r 1770

Yours -
James Stuart Anna Maria
Saturday Evening

Bell sends her Love - your Mother
is not able to bear the Carriage now -