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To: Flock

My dear

Happy should I be could I answer your
 Query, of when so ever come to Town? being
 me as ignorant of it as yourself, it
 must depend upon when Mr. Matthews
 thinks it safe for Dr. Matthews to see
 his B^r & Sister, I own I had at first
 flattered myself a Month would have
 been the longest Quarantine, I now
 philosophically resign myself to the
 more distant Period of 5 Weeks
 & happy shall I be if I am not
 disappointed, but you shall know
 the moment I do — I am sorry my
 dear you have such cause for uneasiness

this life is certainly most thoroughly
disgusted with them, I trust I am
thankful for the blessings I receive
but yet I have felt many better
moments. The Society of the Smiths
have kept me alive, I shall lose
them on Monday, but as my anxiety
is thank God happily at an end
on account of the dear children I
must bear the innuendo & soliloquy
with calmness I have pleasant
moments to look back to, & the
painful ones I will endeavour to
 dwell upon as little as possible.

My dear B^r I send with me to L^y
& send till 5 o'clock, he has told
me a thing which has embarrassed
me beyond description, & if you know
him as well as I do could you, which

is, that he is to be one of Sir John
Inwin's Squires at the approaching
Installation of Knights of Bath,
he really made me laugh till I was
almost sick at the idea, pray
tell it Mr. Threlby for I am sure
he will enjoy it — I will give
Mr. Threlby this letter that he may
judge of my braunchful countenance
but I do assure you my B^r that
I look remarkably well — So I
bliss you my friend a thousand
thanks for all yr kindness, the
last of these was excellent & I pray
this will be the same which Mr.

My dear
M^y —

We mean to be smart to men,
tho not so fine as you Miss James habit
or to come but we shall have no fears —