

My dearest Friend, in case I should not find you at home, I leave this, to tell you I am well & that I am as grateful & pleased as possible with your dear, beautiful present - which I shall ever value for its and your sake. Bell is vastly better thank God - I was much satisfied with her Health & more so wth her spirits - Have you any thoughts of Mrs Delany tonight, or Mrs Lisle, or both - I have my coach, & could carry you & c^r I wish to do all this because I shall have no carriage for 10 Days to come again - send me an immediate answer - yours &c

Tuesday 11 Jan^{ry} 1704 &c Chlly

My dear Friend, I find one moment before they call me to go to the Play, to ask you how you do and when you came to Town - I am just arrived and very well, tho' as miserable about my dearest Bell who is no better - I suppose you were too much engaged to write - but I am not unreasonable to expect it - I am going in a few days to Bell but must see you first, I shall be at home on Monday which if you could come to me, I should prefer - if you cannot, will come to you on Sunday - let me know immediately adieu God bless you Chlly

send me an answer in the morning early

31st Dec^r 1704

My dear - I dine with Mrs Wal: on Sunday - & hope she will be so good as to sit me down at your House at 8 - ask her this Evening from me whether she can, & let me know, that I may order some other conveyance, if not - pray tell her that I am sorry I cannot meet you there tonight, as its being my only coach night for above a week, I have several necess: visits to make some of business - adieu my dear your affec: Chlly

Perhaps you could call on me at Mrs Wal: & carry me to your house
1st Jan^{ry} 1705.

2d June 1781

My dear Miranda, I came to you
this morning according to our appointment
but your Maid did not seem inclined to let
me in - I have been sitting all the morning
in the drawing room surrounded with people
& my head is quite distracted I begin to
cough - I am now at Arg. house
I shall write a note to you every day
but if you go Tuesday, am afraid I
shall not see you before you go

You a line - & this is the only moment since we
parted that I have been able to do so - I am very
far from well, & sleeping 3 nights in different
beds & upon hard Matras's w^{ch} I am not used to,
has quite destroy'd my rest, I am so extremely
nervous I can hardly hold my pen steady. if
you see Dr. ^{Turton} I - tell him I sent this Morn^g for 4
draughts as before, & 4th same opening dose to take
to day - I should like
to know if

This scrap of paper states that Miss Gunning's
friendship and correspondence commenced
in 1779

Miss Gunning's friendship & correspondence
began in 4th Dec 1779

Miss Gunning signed herself sometimes as
Astrea & Miss Hamilton as Miranda and they
so addressed one another.

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14th June 1781.

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