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At Jarness Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> Feb  
1787

My dear Friend! Bell who arrived last night from  
Bath made me truly & sincerely happy by giving  
me the most comfortable account possible of your situation  
health and spirits - I wanted this I assure you, & the  
assurance of her having seen you three times since you  
lay in, for as I had heard of it only by chance, from  
Mr Stormont whom I accidentally met, I was very  
uneasy about you - My Father had forgot to mention  
it, & when he did, it was without any circumstances  
or particulars to make me feel comfortable. Mr Dickson  
was I conclude too much engaged in communicating  
the information to all your Friends, I had I own, hoped  
that he would have given me one line - & now my  
dear Friend, let me tell you how I rejoice with you &  
Mr Dickenson in this event, so happily got over, & in  
your happiness which I suppose is not to be expressed  
in having a dear little child to love and to cherish &  
educate, what a delightful task! what a continual  
source of happiness! an object of love & anxiety & attention  
& a continued return of all the sentiments it inspires  
you with - I need not ask whether you nurse it yourself  
I think I know your sentiments upon that subject -  
well you are this minute by far the happiest being  
I am acquainted with, & it does me good to think of you  
God bless you!

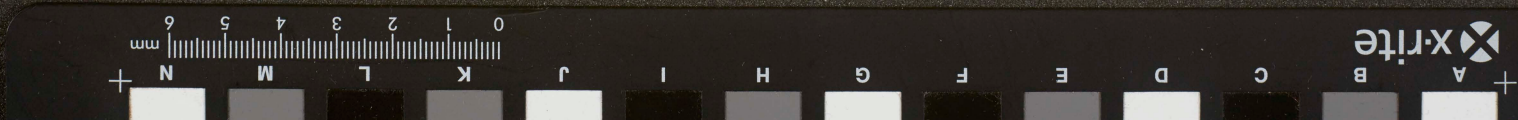
I thank you my dear for your letter, which I ought to  
have answered ere now - I answered & thanked you for it  
mentally, & in my heart - did you feel that?

I continue very well thank God, & am in good spirits,  
for I am occupied constantly - I am deeply engaged  
in Euclid at present, & have been induced take up this  
long neglected study by a present that Sir G. Elliott  
has made me of a new edition of that Book, & by his  
coming to read it with me - he once accidentally  
discovered (in an assembly) that I understood something  
of it, & that one word which betrayed me to him & to him  
alone, interested him about me, & made him desirous  
of my acquaintance - I cultivated it a little last  
summer, & he is just come to Town for the meeting  
of P. I have seen him twice here, & we have read of  
that & other things a great deal, & certainly with more  
pleasure to me, & advantage too, than I should alone.  
I do not know whether you are acquainted with him  
my dear, but he is a most sensible well informed  
good man, with a gentleness & elegance of manners  
that particularly please me -

I am reading too by way of recreation, thro' the set of  
penet. Memoirs now publishing, from the 13<sup>th</sup> century  
to this day. I find the style, language & manners of  
that early ~~age~~ extremely pleasing from their great  
simplicity; and I am more interested in this  
lecture than I could have expected - I am just now

attending Mr Walker's lectures, my view was merely  
that of accompanying my Carlisle's Daughter who goes for  
the first time, but I find great pleasure in recollecting  
what I formerly need, & fixing that knowledge in my  
mind by fresh experiments - if you ask how a  
fine London Lady finds time for all this (beside driving  
masters & tennis set work) I will tell you my dear that  
I am not a fine Lady, & that I get up before 8 in the  
morning, that is the secret - my Evenings it is  
true are all engaged, but very little in the world -  
the Queen twice a week & the others sitting with my  
Friend's, oftened with my Carlisle, sometimes the  
opera - that is my life -

I thank you my dear Friend for all your inform  
about my Sister - nothing can be more  
than your enquiries & observations - when  
has been some time in Town I shall write you  
word what I think of her - adieu my dear  
Friend - God in Heaven bless you - I am interrupted  
& stopped, so I must leave you - adieu - adieu!



Genl. Pitt Rivers  
Sept 10. 1700

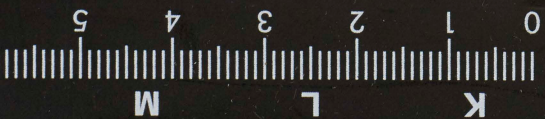
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