

24 Dec 1788
on Monday Bell & I go to Town & on Wednesday to 31
Richmond Park for a week or ten days - My Father
& George will remain here. Tell about the 12th
& then meet us in London the House will scarcely be
finished before then, as the plaistering & painting is
not to be begun upon till next Monday - if you were
here now you would think us very comfortably
as we have at last hit upon the only plan that
can make us so in cold weather, we have left the
Drawingroom entirely, & are settled in the Saloon
with two fires & a large screen to divide the room
so as to dine at one end, & sit at the other - we are
now totally separated, for I am writing here very
comfortably & uninterrupted by the conversation
of the Gentlemen whom we have left to their
wine & their conversation at the opposite end of
the room - when you write again, which I hope
will be soon, I flatter myself it will be more in
detail, & that you will give me some of your journey
Louisiana, your own health, Mr Dickensons & of the
state of things at Tonal, not omitting what may
be the probabilities of your coming to Town in the
spring - I have had no return of the pain in my
breast & am to take a quarter of an ounce of Bark wth
5 grs. of long Pepper every day for six months to come
without ever omitting it - adieu my dear Friend
we all desire to be remembered to Mr D - & Bell
begs her love to you - pray direct your next to
St James's - adieu every affec^d & sincerely yours

C. M. Gunning

Dec^r 24th 1788

Mrs Dickenson

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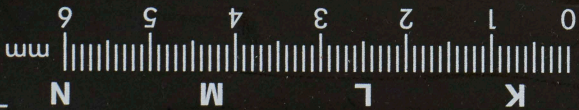
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