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My dear Friend:

It gave me great pleasure to receive your letter yesterday which I did on my return from Cambridge, Mr. Li: Damers where I had been for a few days, & to hear that you & yours were well - I must have received the long letter you mention in answer to my last, & have often wondered why you did not write - indeed I should have written to you again to have enquired the Cause & to have enquired after you, but I really have led so unsettled & wandering a life ever since June that I have had but just time to write to Mr. Dight & my Sister when they were absent & have been a most miserable companion & obliged to throw myself on the mercy of all my Friends - I am sincerely rejoiced to hear of your health, happiness & comfort which seems to have been pretty well established ever since you married - Mr. Dight's health was the only circumstance wanting to complete it, & little Louisa must indeed be a continual source of pleasure and delight - I am glad your House is become & becoming a comfortable one - you say nothing of coming to Town this

winter or spring, have you no thoughts of it?
Now I must give you some account of myself -
I spent the beginning of the summer at Waton
tho' not constantly there, then came into the west
where we have been visiting about from place
to place even as far as Devonshire till the
beginning of October - I never was better or looked
better in my life - certainly never was happier,
certainly never so happy - I thank God, I can
put my hand on my heart & looking up to Heaven
acknowledge with gratitude and delight that
I have not a wish, but for the continuance
of the blessings I enjoy - change of air & place
always agrees with me & I was grown quite fast
drowsy - we came here the 9th to pay a visit to
my Father & Bell who were come for her & my
Brother's bathing & meant to stay about 6
fortnight - I was unfortunately taken ill the
day after I arrived & confined 3 weeks, it was
then thought that bathing would be good for
me, & I am still here & shall remain near
a week longer - I have bathed 11 times & it
agrees with me exceedingly - my F. & Bell left
me on Tuesday, are gone to pay some visits

at Mr Buckley's, Lord De Grey's & Lord Ilchester in
their way to Bath where they will be next week
& where my Father is to drink the waters & bathe
in hopes of a fit of Gout, for he has been very
indifferent lately with flying gouty & rheumatic
pains which we hope Bath will remove -
my Brother is very well, I left him at Carnarvon
expect him here to day, he leaves me on Tuesday
& is going to make some visits in this part
of the world till Xmas - we go from hence
to Kingston (Mrs J. Pitts) where I shall meet the
M. Pitts & Cholmondeley's, then to Mr G. Buckley,
then to Sherbourne & Redlynch (Lord Ilchester) &
do not mean to be in Town till the beginning
of January, & nothing but the wish to see
my Sister & Mr D's duty should induce us to go
so soon, for I hate London as a place & am so
well & so happy in the Country, & Mr D. prefers
it so infinitely, that I look forward to the time
of our being settled there entirely with infinite
pleasure! I shall receive your souvenir my dear
Friend with great pleasure, & shall send you my
first attempt in the painting way by the first
opportunity, but I hardly think it worthy your
acceptance, it certainly is not so but as a remembrance
I have done very little this summer, but continue
to like it & am improved - adieu my dear



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Friend - Mr D. is absent for some days or would I
am sure send his love - remembers me very
kindly to Mr Dickenson & believe me ever your
affec: & sincere C. M. Digby -

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Mrs Dickenson

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